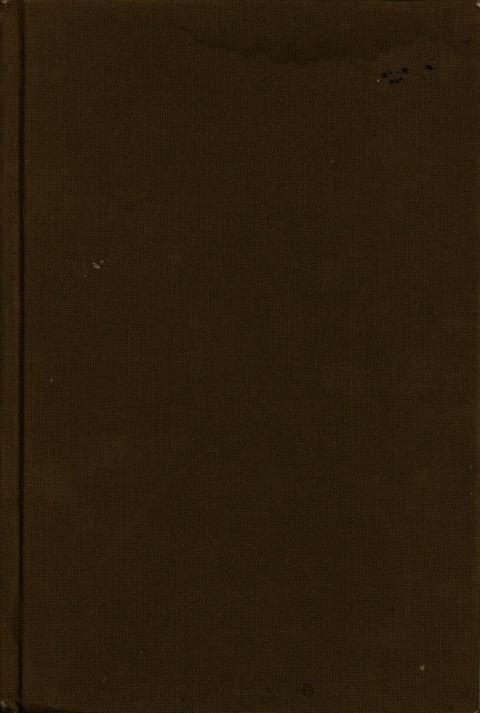
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FOURTH EDITION-REVISED.



PREFACE.

HE Grammar of Spoken Irish presents many difficulties owing to the forms peculiar to different places, but as the literary usage embraces the dialects current in different localities, save a few archaic survivals, the literary usage has been adopted as the standard of this grammer.

Modern Irish may be said to date from the end of the 16th, or the beginning of the 17th century. At the commencement of the modern period many forms are found which belong to an earlier period, and many forms which have since grown obsolete, side by side with those by which they have since been replaced. We have deemed it advisable not to introduce into this grammer any obsolete grammatical forms, how prominent soever they may be in early modern literature. However, as students preparing for public examinations are frequently required to read the works of early modern authors, we have added in the present edition an appendix containing the verb system of early modern Irish. Such early modern grammatical forms as survive only within a small area are not given in the large type; on the other hand, those grammatical forms generally found in literature, and which are still in use in any one of the three Irishspeaking Provinces, are given in the large print in preference to those more generally used by Irish speakers, but which are not found in literary works. It is hoped that this method may help to popularise Irish literature, and to reconcile in some degree the slight discrepancies which exist between the spoken and the literary usages.

In the present Grammar the letters t, n, and p are reckoned among the aspirable consonants, and p is omitted

from the eclipsable ones. The declension of verbal nouns is transferred from the third declension to the chapter on the verbs. A collection of heteroclite nouns is inserted. The usual declension of the personal pronouns is not employed, and the terms Conjunctive and Disjunctive pronouns are adopted. The naming of the four principal parts of an Irish verb, the treatment of the Autonomous form of conjugation, the rejection of compound prepositions, infinitive mood, and present participle form a few of the features of this grammar. Among the appendices will be found lists of words belonging to the various declensions, of verbs of both conjugation, and of irregular verbal nouns.

Many of the rules have been taken from the "O'Growney Series" and from the "Gaelic Journal." The grammars of Neilson, O'Donovan, Bourke, Craig, and of many other authors, have been consulted. The chapter on the classification of the uses of the prepositions is based on Dr. Atkinson's edition of Keating's Thi Dion-\$aoite an Dáir. Some of the sentences which illustrate the rules have been culled, with the author's permission, from the Mion-Caint of the Rev. Peter O'Leary, P.P.

In the present edition the enunciation of the rule Caot te caot 7 teatan te teatan has been modified so as to bring it more into harmony with the spoken language. The sections on the Relative pronouns, Demonstrative pronouns, Adverbs, and Conjunctions have been greatly enlarged and improved. A large collection of Idiomatic expressions and an exhaustive Index have been also added.

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PART I.-ORTHOGRAPHY.

CHAPTER I.

The Letters.

1. The Irish alphabet contains eighteen letters, five of which are vowels, the remaining thirteen are consonants.

- 2. The vowels are divided into two classes.
 - (1) The broad vowels: s, o, u.
 - (2) The slender vowels: e, 1.

The vowels may be either long or short. The long vowels are marked by means of an acute accent (') placed over the vowel, as mon (big) pronounced like the English word more; a short vowel has no accent, as mot (praise), pronounced like mul in the English word mulberry. Carefully distinguish between the terms "broad vowel" and "long vowel." The broad vowels (a, o, u) are not always long vowels, neither are the slender vowels (e, 1) always short.

In writing Irish we must be careful to mark the accents on long vowels. See words distinguished by accent, par. 14.

3.	Sounds of t	he Yowels.
The Irish vowel	is sounded like	in the words
š long	ลแ	naught
	as in	báo (baudh), boat
a short	0	\mathbf{not}
	,,	5lar (gloss), green
é long	ae	Gaelic
	"	cpé (kĭr-aé), clay
e short	е	let
	,,	τe (t'ye), hot
i	ee	\mathbf{feel}
	,,	máilín (mawil-een), little bag
1	i	hit
	,,	rıμ (fir), men
Ó	$\bar{\mathbf{o}}$	note
	,,	móη (mõr), big, large
O	ŏ, ŭ	dŏne or mŭch
	,,	τοομας (dhur-us), a door
ú	00	tool
	,,	5tún (gloon), a knee
u	u	bull or put
	. "	uppa (ursu), a door-jamb

A short vowel at the end of an Irish word is always pronounced.

The Digraphs.

4. The following list gives the sounds of the digraphs in Modern Irish. The first five are always long and require no accent. The others are sometimes long and sometimes short, hence the accent ought not to be omitted.*

^{*} Since but few words, and these well-known, have eo short it is not usual to write the accent on eo long.

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ia is pronounced like ee-a as Oia (dyee-a), God.
                       oo-a ,, ruan (foo-ar), cold.
11.
            ,,
                            " reun (faer), grass.
eu or éa
                       8.6
                            " taete (lae-hě), davs.
۸e
                       ae
                            " oson (dhaer), dear.
                       a.e
40
                       yó
                            " ceot (k-yōl), music.
eó
                            " riú (few), worthy.
ΙÚ
                       ew
                     au+i,, cáin (kau-in), a tax.
á١
                     ae+i,, tem (lyae-im), a leap.
é١
                      ō+ĭ,, móin (mō-in), a bog.
Ó1
                     oo+ĭ ., rúit (soo-ĭl), an eye.
ú١
                            " cairteán (kosh-laan*),
                      aa
eá
                                               a castle.]
                            " rion (feer), true.
fo
                      ee
                               cair (thaish), damp.
41
                       8
                              rean (far), a man.
eΛ
                            " eite (el-ĕ), other.
eı
                       е
                            " coit (thŭ-il), a will.
                     ŭ+i
01
                              rior (fiss), knowledge.
10)
                       i
                              uirse (ish-ge), water.
111)
                       ŭ
                            " veoc (d'yukh), a drink.
eo
                            " cozaí (kō-thee), coats.
ai ( = aroe),,
                       ee
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The Trigraphs.

5. There are six trigraphs in Irish. They are pronounced as follows:—

A01	=	66	raoi (see) = a wise man.
eoı	=	ō+ĭ	opeoitin (d'rō-il-een)=a wren.

[•] Also pronounced kosh-laun.



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eai = aa+i cartean(kosh-laan)=castles.

1ai* = eea+i tiai$ (lee-ih) = a physician.

1ai* = oo+i ruaip (foo-ir) = found.

1ui = ew+i cum (kew-in) = calm.
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The Consonants.

- 6. The consonants are usually divided into two
 - (1) The liquids—t, m, n, n.
 - (2) The mutes—b, c, v, r, 5, p, r, z.

The letter n is not given, for n is not usually recognised as an Irish letter. It can be used only as a sign of aspiration, or at the beginning of a word, to separate two vowel sounds.

Some grammarians divide the consonants into labials, dentals, palatals, gutturals, sibilants, &c., according to the organs employed in producing the sound.

7. Every Irish consonant has two natural; sounds, according as it is broad or slender.

An Irish consonant is broad whenever it immediately precedes or follows a broad vowel (a, o, u). An Irish consonant is slender whenever it immediately precedes or follows a slender vowel (e, 1).

8. The Irish consonants, when broad, have a much

^{*} Pronounced like ille in the French word fille.

⁺It cannot be properly represented by any English sound. It is somewhat like oue in the French word ouest.

Other sounds will be treated of under the heading "Aspiration."

thicker sound than in English; e.g. σ broad has nearly the sound of th in thy, i.e. d+h; τ broad has nearly the sound of th in threw, &c. When slender the Irish consonants (except r) have somewhat the same sound as in English; but when they are followed by a slender vowel, they are pronounced somewhat like the corresponding English consonant followed immediately by a y, e.g. ceot (music) is pronounced k' $y\bar{o}$ l; beo (alive)=b'y \bar{o} .

It must not, however, be understood that there is a "y sound" in the Irish consonant. The peculiar sound of the Irish consonants when followed by a slender vowel is fairly well represented by the corresponding English consonant + an English "y sound." In some parts of the country this "y sound" is not neard. The y is only suggestive, and is never heard as a distinct sound.

Combination of the Consonants.

9. There are certain Irish consonants which, when they come together in the same word, do not coalesce, so that when they are uttered a very short obscure vowel sound is heard between them.

This generally occurs in the case of two liquids or a liquid and a mute. Thus bato (dumb) is pronounced boll-uv; teano (a child) is lyan-uv; oonca (dark) is dhur-uchu; manzao (a market) is mor-ugu

The following combinations do not coalesce: cn, lo, ls, lm, nb, nb, ns, nn, lm, nb, nm, nm, nc, nc.

10. In some combinations, one of the consonants is silent.

ot is	${\bf pronounced}$	like	\mathfrak{u}
no	,,		nn
orn	,,		nn
ln	,,		$\iota\iota$

Thus, cooted (sleep) is pronounced kullu.

ceuona (same)	,,	kaenŭ.
zpánoa (ugly)	"	graun-ŭ.
áilne (beauty)	,,	aul-yĕ.

Notice the difference between ng and gn.

11. Only three of the Irish consonants, viz. the liquids t, n, n may be doubled. This doubling can take place only at the end or the middle of words, but never at the beginning. The double liquids have quite distinct sounds from the single, except in Munster, where, in some positions, double liquids influence vowels. This doubling at the end of a word does not denote shortness of the preceding vowel, as in English: in fact, it is quite the opposite; e. g. ea in reapp (better) is longer than ea in reap (a man).

In Irish there is no double consonant like the English x, which=ks.

Accent.

12. The only accent sign used in writing Irish is the acute accent placed over the long vowels, and over the long sounds of those diphthongs, which may be sometimes short. This sign is not intended to mark the syllable on which the stress of the voice falls.

13. In simple words of two syllables the tonic accent is usually upon the first syllable, as Azur (óg-us), and, Una (oón-a), Una: but in derived words of two or more syllables the accented syllable varies in the different provinces.

In Munster the accent falls on the termination or second syllable; in Connaught it falls on the first syllable, or root; in Ulster the accent falls on the first syllable, as in Connaught, but the termination is unduly shortened. For instance, the word capan, a path, is pronounced kos-aun in Munster, kos-aun in Connaught, and kos-au in Ulster.

The Obscure Yowel Sounds.

Whenever a vowel has neither a tonic nor a written accent, it has so transient and indistinct a pronunciation that it is difficult to distinguish one broad or one slender vowel from another; hence in ancient writings we find vowels substituted for each other indiscriminately: e.g., the word rtanuite, saved, is frequently spelled rtanaite, rtanoite, rtanuiti.

14. Words distinguished by their accent.

Διτ, a place.

one likes or wishes).

án, our; slaughter.

an, on; says.

bar, death.

car, a case. céao (ceuo), a hundred. com, right. corre, a coach. oo, two. ran, a wandering. réan (reun), grass. ror, yet. i, she, her. téan, clear, perceptible. ton, food, provisions. máta, a bag. mean (meun), a finger. min, fine. na, than; not (imperative). nor, a rose. rát, a heel. réan (reun), happy. rin, stretch. rotar, comfort. rút, (gen. plural of rúit) eye.

cé, a person.

bar (or bor), palm of the hand. car, turn. ceao, leave, permission com, a crime. corree, a jury. oo, to. ran, wait, stay. reap, a man. ror, a prop. 1, in. tean, the sea. ton, a blackbird. mata, an eyebrow. mean, quick, active. min, meal. na, the plural article. por, flax-seed. rat, filth, dirt. rean, old. rin, that. rotar, light. rut, before (with verbs).

ce, hot.

CHAPTER II.

Aspiration.

15. The word "aspiration" comes from the Latin verb "aspirare," to breathe; hence, when we say in Irish that a consonant is aspirated, we mean that the breath is not completely stopped in the formation of the consonant, but rather that the consonant sound is continuous.

Take, for example, the consonant b. To form this consonant sound the lips are pressed closely together for an instant, and the breath is forced out on separating the lips. Now, if we wish to get the sound of b aspirated (or \mathfrak{d}), we must breathe the whole time whilst trying to form the sound of \mathfrak{d} ; *i.e.* we must not close the lips entirely, and the resulting sound is like the English consonant v. Hence we say that the sound of \mathfrak{d} (in some positions) is v.

The Irish letter c corresponds very much to the English k, and the breathed sound of k corresponds to the sound of c (when broad). To sound the English k, we press the centre of the tongue against the palate, and cut off the breath completely for an instant. In pronouncing c (when broad), all we have to do is to try to pronounce the letter k without pressing the tongue against the palate. The word c, a lake, is pronounced somewhat like luk; but the tongue is not to touch the palate to form the k. The sound of c aspirated when slender (especially when initial) is very well represented by the sound of "h" in "humane."

The Irish g (5) has always the hard sound of g in the English word "go." In pronouncing this word we press the back of the tongue against the back of the palate. Now, to pronounce \dot{z} (and also \dot{o}) when broad, we must breathe in forming the sound of g, *i.e.* we must keep the tongue almost flat in the mouth.

The various sounds of the aspirated consonants are not given, as they are dealt with very fully in the second part of the "O'Growney Series." It may be well to remark, however, that the sound of \dot{p} is like the sound of the Irish p, not the English f. The Irish p is sounded without the aid of the teeth.

- 16. Aspiration is usually marked by placing a dot over the consonant aspirated—thus, v, c, v. However, it is sometimes marked by an n after the consonant to be aspirated. This is the method usually adopted when Irish is written or printed in English characters.
- 17. In writing Irish only nine of the consonants, viz., b, c, o, r, z, m, p, r, and c, are aspirated; but in the spoken language all the consonants are aspirated.

The Aspiration of t, n, n.

- 18. The aspiration of the three letters t, n, n, is not marked by any sign in writing, as is the aspiration of the other consonants (\mathfrak{b} or \mathfrak{bh}); but yet they are aspirated in the spoken language. An example will best illustrate this point. The student has already learned that the word teadan, a book, is pronounced lyou-ar. mo, my, aspirates an ordinary consonant, as mo \mathfrak{b} ó, my cow; but it also aspirates t, n, n, for mo teadan, my book, is pronounced mu low-ar (i.e. the sound of y after t disappears).
 - a teaban, his book, is pronounced a low-ar.
 - a teaban, her book, ,, ä lyou-ar.
 - a lyow-ar. a lyow-ar.
 - a neape, his strength, ,, a narth.
 - a neapt, her strength, ,, & nyarth.

&c., &c.

- 19. When t broad begins a word it has a much thicker sound than in English. In sounding the English l the point of the tongue touches the palate just above the teeth; but to get the thick sound of the Irish t we must press the tongue firmly against the upper teeth (or we may protrude it between the teeth). Now, when such an t is aspirated it loses this thick sound, and is pronounced just as the English l.
- 20. It is not easy to show by an example the aspirated sound of μ ; however, it is aspirated in the spoken language, and a slightly softer sound is produced.

Rules for Aspirations.

- 21. We give here only the principal rules. Others will be given as occasion will require.
- (a). The possessive adjectives mo, my; oo, thy; and a, his, aspirate the first consonant of the following word, as me oo, my cow; oo macain, thy mother; a capatt, his horse.
- (b) The article aspirates a noun in the nominative and accusative feminine singular, and also in the genitive masculine singular unless the noun begins with v, t, or r; an bean, the woman; tá an feoil suint, the meat is salt; mac an fin (the) son of the man.
- (c) In compound words the initial consonant of the second word is aspirated, except when the second word begins with v or v, and the first ends in one of the letters v, v, v. These five letters will be easily remembered, as they are the consonants of the word "dentals"; rean-matain, a grandmother; cat-bapp, a helmet; teit-pinginn, a halfpenny; but rean-vuine, an old person; rean-veac, an old house.
- (d) The interjection a, the sign of the vocative case, causes aspiration in nouns of both genders and both numbers: a fip, O man; a mná, O women; a Seumair, O James.
- (e) An adjective is aspirated when it agrees with a feminine noun in the nominative or accusative sin-

gular, or with a masculine noun in the genitive singular, and in the dative and vocative singular of both genders; also in the nominative plural when the noun ends in a slender consonant: as to tan, a white cow; mac an fin moin, (the) son of the big man; o'n mnaoi mait, from the good woman; this capaill mona, three big horses.

- (f) When a noun is immediately followed by an indefinite* noun in the genitive case, singular or plural, the initial of the noun in the genitive is usually subject to precisely the same rules as if it were the initial of an adjective: e. g. up cince, a hen-egg (lit. an egg of a hen); uppe cince, of a hen-egg; ctock mine, a stone of meal; min coince, oaten meal. The tetters o and c are not aspirated after o, n, c, t, r; and r is often excepted, as the change in sound is so great.
- (g) The initial of a verb is aspirated—(1) in the imperfect, the simple past, and the conditional, active voice; (2) after the particles ni, not; má, if; man, as; and rut, before; (3) after the simple relative particle, expressed or understood: vi ré, he was; vo rear ri, she stood; ni ruitim, I am not; ni véro ré, he will not be; an cé vualtear or an cé a vualtear, he (or the person) who strikes; vo vualtrinn, I would strike.



^{*}i.e. One not preceded by the definite article, possessive adj., &c. See par. 585.

(h) The initial of the word following be or but (the past tense and conditional of the verb ir) is usually aspirated.*

by mait tiom, I liked or I would like.
b' reapp teir, he preferred or would prefer.

(i) The simple prepositions (except a_{Σ} , a_{Γ} , te, $_{\Sigma}$ an 1, and $_{\Sigma}$ o) aspirate the initials of the nouns immediately following them: $_{\Gamma}$ a ctoic, under a stone; cut $_{\Gamma}$ e an teadap to Seumar, he gave the book to James.

CHAPTER III.

Eclipsis.

22. Eclipsis is the term used to denote the suppression of the sounds of certain Irish consonants by prefixing others produced by the same organ of speech.

There is usually a great similarity between the eclipsing letter and the letter eclipsed: thus, p is eclipsed by b; c is eclipsed by o, &c. If the student pronounce the letters p and b, c and o, he will immediately notice the similarity above referred to. Thus b and o are like p and c, except that they are pronounced with greater stress of the breath, or, more correctly, with greater vibration of the vocal chords.

^{*}Except in N. Connaught and Ulster, where this rule applies only to b, p, m, and sometimes p.

23. Seven of the consonants can be eclipsed, viz. b, c, v, r, z, p, c; the others cannot. Each consonant has its own eclipsing letter, and it can be eclipsed by no other. The eclipsing letter is written immediately before the eclipsed letter, and is sometimes, though not usually in recent times, separated from it by a hyphen, as m band or mband (pronounced maurdh).

Formerly eclipsis was sometimes shown by doubling the eclipsed letter: thus, a ccape, their bull. Whenever a letter is eclipsed both should be retained in writing, although only one of them (the eclipsing one) is sounded.

24. It is much better not to consider the letter r as an eclipsable letter at all. replaces it in certain positions, but in none of those positions (dative singular excepted) in which the other letters are eclipsed. In fact, r is often replaced by r when the previous word ends in n, as an rruit, the eye; aon trat, one heel; rean r-Site, old Sheelah; burdean trtuat, a crowd, &c. Some, however, maintain that r is really eclipsed in these cases, because its sound is suppressed, and that of another consonant substituted; but as the substitution of r follows the rules for aspiration rather than those for eclipsis, we prefer to class r with the non-eclipsable letters, t, m, n, r, r.

[•] Eight is the number given in other grammars. They include the letter r.

25.	b is	eclipsed	by m.
	\mathbf{c}	,,	5.
	ъ.	,,	n.
	r	:,	ъ.
	5	,,	n.
	p	,,	b.
	τ	,,	ъ.

a mbapo (their poet) is pronounced a maurd.

The contract of the contract o		a mana
a scapatt (their horse)	.))	a gŏpâl.
án noán (our poem)	j)	aur naun.
ı öruit (in blood)	"	ă vwil.
a nziotta (their servant)	,,	ang illŭ.
ı bpéın (in pain)	,,	a baen.
a ocalam (their land)	,,	a dhól-ŭv.

Although n is used as the eclipsing letter of 5, the sound of n is not heard, but the simple consonant sound n5; therefore it would be more correct to say that 5 is eclipsed by n5.

Rules for Eclipsis.

- 26. (a) The possessive adjectives plural— $\Delta \eta$, our; bup, your; and a, their—eclipse the initial consonant of the next word, as $\Delta \eta$ ourseanna, our Lord; bup scapall, your horse; a mbao, their boat.
- (b) The article eclipses the initial consonant of the noun in the genitive plural (both genders): tama na b-reap, (the) hands of the men.
 - (c) A simple preposition followed by the article

and a noun in the singular causes eclipsis*: the period of an scapall, he is on the horse; thing re term ar bream, he came with the man.

- (d) The numeral adjectives react, oct, naoi, and oeic (7, 8, 9, and 10), and their compounds, as 27, 28, 29, &c., cause eclipsis: react mba, seven cows; oct scaoinis, eight sheep; react b-rip riceao, twenty-seven men.
- (e) The initial consonant of a verb is eclipsed after the particles ca, not; an, whether; ca, where; nac, whether . . . not or that . . . not; 50, that; muna, unless; va, if; and after the relative particle a when it is preceded by a preposition, or when it means "all that" or "what." The relative preceded by a preposition does not eclipse if the verb be past tense, except in the case of a very few verbs, which will be given later on: an ocuseann cu, do you understand? nac bruit ré cinn, isn't he sick? ca bruit ré, where is it? oubaint ré 50 octobrato ré, he said that he would come; an reap as a bruit an teabap, † the man who has the book.

The Insertion of n.

27. (a) When a word begins with a vowel, the letter n is usually prefixed in all those cases in which a con-



^{*} In many places they prefer to aspirate in this case.

[†] In colloquial Irish this sentence would be, an rean a b-ruit an teaban aise, or an rean so b-ruit an teaban aise.

sonant would be eclipsed: e.g., an n-anan tacteamat, our daily bread; cuarg Orpin 50 tip na n-o5, Oisin went to "the land of the young."

The n is sometimes omitted when the previous word ends in n: as an an aonac, or an an n-aonac, at the fair.

(b) Prepositions (except too and toe) ending in a wowel prefix n to the possessive adjectives a, his, her, or their; and an, our; te n-a matan, with his mother; o n-an ocin, from our country.

The Insertion of c.

- 28. (a) The article prefixes τ to a masculine noun beginning with a vowel in the nominative and accusative singular: as an τ -atam, the father.
- (b) If a noun begins with r followed by a vowel, or by t, n, or n, the r is replaced by t after the article in the nom. and acc. feminine sing. and the genitive masculine, and sometimes in the dative singular of both genders, as an cruit, the eye; tead an trasaint, (the) house of the priest, i.e., the priest's house; the riad as teads o'n treits, they are coming from the hunt.
- (c) This replacing of r by c occurs after the words aon, one; rean, old; and other words ending in n, as aon creats amain, one hunt.

The Insertion of h.

- 29. The following is a pretty general rule for the insertion of h before vowels:—
- "Particles which neither aspirate nor eclipse and which end in a vowel, prefix n to words beginning with a vowel. Such is the case with the following:—te, with; a, her; 50, to; vana, second; re, six; thi, three; na, the (in the nom., acc., and dative plural, also in the gen. singular feminine); 50 before adverbs; the ordinal adjectives ending in mato, &c."—Gaelic Journal.

CHAPTER IV.

Attenuation and Broadening.

- **30.** Attenuation is the process of making a broad consonant slender. This is usually done by placing an 1 immediately before the broad consonant, or an e after it. Thus if we want to make the $\mathfrak p$ of mon (big), slender, we place an 1 before the $\mathfrak p$; thus moin. If we wish to make the $\mathfrak p$ of $\mathfrak p$ or (the termination of the 1st person singular future) slender, we write $\mathfrak p$ eac, &c.
- 31. Broadening is the process of making a slender consonant broad. This is often done by placing a u immediately before the slender consonant, or an A after it; thus the verbal noun of derived verbs ending in 15 is formed by adding AO: before adding the AO the 5 must be made broad; this is done by inserting

a u; minis, explain; miniusao, explanation. If we want to make the r of rio (the termination of 3rd singular future) broad, we must write raio. Dualifio re, he will strike; meatiralo ra, he will deceive.

Whenever a slender consonant is preceded by an in which forms part of a diphthong or a triphthong, the consonant is usually made broad by dropping the interest that to broaden the time busit, or the infinity in the information and the weight busit and formation. The verbal nouns of busit and formate busits and formation.

CHAPTER V.

Caot le caol agur leatan le leatan;

or,

Slender with slender and broad with broad.

82. When a single consonant, or two consonants which easily blend together, come between two vowels, both the vowels must be slender or both must be broad.

This is a general rule of Irish phonetics. It has already been stated that a consonant is broad when beside a broad vowel, and slender when beside a slender vowel: and also that the sounds of the consonants vary according as they are broad or slender: hence if we try to pronounce a word like reapin, the p, being beside the slender vowel i, should get its slender sound; but being also beside the broad vowel a, the p should be broad. But a consonant cannot be slender and broad at the same time; hence, such spelling as reapin, mátin, and éanin, does not represent the correct sounds of the words, and,

therefore, the device adopted in writing Irish is to have both the vowels slender or both broad; e.g., ratio, mattin, emin.

This law of phonetics is not a mere spelling rule. If it were, such spelling as reamaon, mátaon, éanaon, would be correct. But no such spelling is used because it does not represent the sounds of the words. The ear and not the eye must be the guide in the observance of the rule "caot te caot 7 teatan te teatan."

Two consonants may come together, one naturally broad and the other naturally slender. When this happens, Irish speakers, as a general rule, give the consonants their natural sounds, i.e., they keep the broad consonant broad, and the slender one slender. For instance, the m of com is naturally broad, and the t of tion is naturally slender. In the word comtion (fulfil), the first syllable is always pronounced broad, although the word is usually written comtion. This is an instance of the abuse of the rule coof the coof. There are many words in which a single consonant may have a slender vowel at one side, and a broad vowel at the other; e.g., apéri (last night), anior (up), apam (ever), apir (again), etc.

Although the rule coot te coot had been much abused in modern spelling, in deference to modern usage we have retained the ordinary spelling of the words.

CHAPTER VI.

Syncope.

33. Whenever, in a word of two or more syllables an unaccented vowel or digraph occurs in the last syllable between a liquid (ι, m, n, n) and any other consonant, or between two liquids, the unaccented vowel or digraph is elided whenever the word is lengthened by a grammatical inflection beginning with a vowel. This elision of one or more unaccented

vowels from the body of an Irish word is called syncope; and when the vowels have been elided the word is said to be syncopated.

- 34. The only difficulty in syncope is that it often involves slight changes in the other vowels of the syncopated word, in accordance with the rule caot te caot.
- 35. The following examples will fully exemplify the method of syncopating words.

(a) Nouns.

The genitive singular of-

maroin (morning)	is	marone	\mathbf{not}	maioine
odain (work)	:,	oibpe	,,	obaine
cappais (a rock)	,,	caippse	,,	сарратье
pinginn (a penny)	,,	pınzne	,,	pinZinne
piţinn) (a pomiy)	,,	pıţne	,,	pıţınne
cabain (help)	,,	савра	,,	савара
catain (a city)	,,	catpac	,,	catapac
tapain (a flame)	,,	tappač	,,	lapapač
otann (wool)	,,	olna	,,	olanna
burbean (a company)	,,	burone	,,	buroine
bnuiżean (a palace)	,,	Երա յԷոе	12	៦ ពុធរក្ខំរោខ

(b) Adjectives.

The genitive singular feminine of-

raiddin (rich) is raiddine not raiddine rtaiteamait (princely), rtaiteamaa, rtaiteamata atuinn (beautiful) ,, aitne ,, atuinne aoidinn (pleasant) ,, aoidine ,, uairte ,, uaraite

(c) Verbs.

Root.	Pres. Indicative.		
CODAIL	cootaim, I sleep,	\mathbf{not}	covailim.
riubail	riubtaim, I walk,	,,	piubaitim.
ınnır	ınnpım, I tell,	,,	ınnırım.
abaip	абраіт, I say,	,,	abaipim.
Labaip	tabpaim, I speak,	,,	Labaipim.

The same contraction takes place in these and like verbs in all the finite tenses except the future and conditional (old forms). See par. 298.

A thorough knowledge of when and how Syncope takes place will obviate many difficulties.

PART II.—ETYMOLOGY.

36. There are nine parts of speech in Irish corresponding exactly to those in English.

CHAPTER I.

The Article.

37. In Irish there is only one article, an, which corresponds to the English definite article, "the."

There is no indefinite article, so that capatt means either "horse" or "a horse."

38. In all cases of the singular number the article has the form an, except in the genitive feminine, when it becomes no.

In all the cases of the plural it is na.

39. The article an had formerly an initial r. This r reappears after the following prepositions, 1, 111, or ann, in; 50, to; te, with; che, through. Although this r really belongs to the article, still it is usually written as part of the preposition; as 111 an teadap, in the book; terr an treap, with the man.

INITIAL CHANGES PRODUCED BY THE ARTICLE.

Singular.

40. (a) If a noun begins with an aspirable consonant (except o, c, and r),* it is aspirated by the article



^{*} The letters σ , τ , and Γ are aspirable in the singular, but not usually by the article

in the nominative and accusative feminine and in the genitive masculine, as an vo, the cow; an vean, the woman; mac an rip, (the) son of the man; ceann an capaitt, the horse's head (or the head of the horse).

(b) If a noun begins with r followed by a vowel, or by t, n, n, the r is replaced by c, in the nominative and accusative feminine and genitive masculine, and sometimes in the dative of both genders: an crat, the heel; an crait, the eye; ceac an crasanc, the house of the priest; mac an craoin, the son of the artizan; oo'n crasanc, to the priest; an an criein, on the mountain.

Strictly speaking, it is only in the dat. fem. that the r is replaced by c, but custom permits it in the masculine.

- (c) If a noun begins with a vowel, the article prefixes τ to the nominative and accusative masculine, and n to the genitive feminine, as an τ -atain, the father; an τ -uirge, the water; an τ -eun, the bird; an τ -uan, the lamb; bánn na n-uibe, the top of the egg; ruact na n-aimpine, the coldness of the weather.
- (d) When the noun begins with an eclipsable consonant (except σ and σ), the article generally eclipses when it is preceded by a preposition, as an an zenoc, on the hill; o'n brean, from the man. After the prepositions* vo and ve aspiration takes place, not

^{*} For the effects of 3an and the article, see Syntax, par. 606 (b).

eclipsis, as tuz ré an c-ainzear roin fean, he gave the money to the man; cuir rein, some of the grass.

(e) No change is produced by the article in the singular if the noun begins with v, v, v, v, v, v, followed by a mute), or v. In *Munster* v and v are often eclipsed in the dative.

Plural.

- (f) If a noun begins with an eclipsable consonant the article eclipses it in the genitive plural, as a bean na ocpi mbo, O woman of (the) three cows; Sliab na mban, "the mountain of the women."
- (g) If the noun begins with a vowel the article prefixes n to the genitive plural and n to the nom., the acc., and dative plural, as tuac na n-ub, the price of the eggs; na n-arant, the asses; o na n-arch reo, from these places.
- (h) The letter r is never replaced by z in the plural number under the influence of the article.

CHAPTER II.

The Noun.

I. GENDER.

41. There are only two genders in Irish, the masculine and the feminine.

The gender of most Irish nouns may be learned by the application of a few general rules.

MASCULINE NOUNS.

- 42. (a) Names of males are masculine: as reap, a man; rtait, a prince; atain, a father; coiteat, a cock.
- (b) The names of occupations, offices, &c., peculiar to men, are masculine: as ottam, a doctor; rite, a poet; váro, a bard; vpeiteam, a judge; raitroiúin, a soldier.
- (c) Personal agents ending in 61η, 11ηe, 11το (or 11το, 11το), or 11το are masculine: as resultine, a story-teller; υλοόιη, a boatman.
- (d) Diminutives ending in An, and all abstract nouns ending in Ar or eAr, are masculine—e.g.:

appan, a hillock. maitear, goodness.

- (e) The diminutives ending in in are usually said to be of the same gender as the noun from which they are derived. Notwithstanding this rule they seem to be all masculine. Cartin, a girl, is masculine,* i.e. it suffers the same initial changes as a masculine noun, but the pronoun referring to it is feminine. She is a fine girl, 1r breas an cartin i (not é).
- (f) Many nouns which end in a consonant or two consonants preceded by a broad vowel are masculine: as batt, a limb; tuac, a price; chann, a tree, &c.

Exceptions:—(1) All words of two or more syllables ending in acc or 65.



^{*}Do not confound sex with gender. Gender is decided by grammatical usage only.

(2) A large number of nouns ending in a broad consonant are feminine. A very full list of commonly used feminine nouns ending in a broad consonant will be found in Appendix II.

FEMININE NOUNS.

- 43. (a) Names of females and designations of females are feminine: bean, a woman; ceape, a hen; matain, a mother; intean, a daughter.
- (b) The names of countries and rivers are feminine: as Cipe, Ireland; an Lipe, the Liffey; an Deapoa, the Barrow.
- (c) Words of two or more syllables ending in acc or in 65 are feminine: as ruire65, a lark; opire65, a briar; mitreacc, sweetness; teamnacc, new-milk.
- (d) All abstract nouns formed from the genitive singular feminine of adjectives are feminine: as annoe, height—from ano, high; anne, beauty—from atunn, beautiful; partte, blindness—from patt, blind.
- (e) Nouns ending in a consonant or two consonants preceded by a slender vowel, are feminine: as τ_{ip} , country; onoir, honour; uair, an hour; ruit, an eye.

Exceptions:—(1) Personal nouns ending in 61p.
(2) Diminutives in in. (3) Names of males, as acain, a father; buacaitt, a boy. (4) Also the following nouns:—buard, a victory; onuim, the back; ainm,* a name; speim, a piece; seic, a fright, a start; and roctor, dictionary, vocabulary.



^{*} Ainm is feminine in S. Munster.

II. CASE.

44. In Irish there are five cases—the Nominative, Accusative, Genitive, Dative, and Vocative.

The Nominative case in Irish corresponds to the English nominative when the subject of a verb.

The Accusative corresponds to the English objective case when governed by a transitive verb. The accusative case of every noun in modern Irish has the same form as the nominative, and suffers the same initial changes as regards aspiration and eclipsis.

The Genitive case corresponds to the English possessive case. English nouns in the possessive case or in the objective case, preceded by the preposition "of," are usually translated into Irish by the genitive case.

The Dative case is the case governed by prepositions.

The Vocative corresponds to the English nominative of address. It is always used in addressing a person or persons. It is preceded by the sign α , although "O" may not appear before the English word; but this α is not usually pronounced before a vowel or β .

RULES FOR THE FORMATION OF THE CASES.

- N.B.—These rules apply to all the declensions.
- 45. The Nominative case singular is always the simple form of the noun.

- 46. The Dative case singular is the same as the nominative singular, except (1) in the 2nd declension, when the noun ends in a broad consonant; (2) in most of the nouns of the 5th declension.
- 47. The **Yocative case singular** is always the same as the nominative singular, except in the 1st declension, in which it is like the genitive singular.
- 48. Whenever the nominative plural is formed by the addition of te, ta, anna, aca, i or toe, &c., it is called a **strong nominative plural**. Strong plurals are usually found with nouns whose nominative singular ends in a liquid.

Those ending in t or n generally take to or te.

,,	m or γ	,,	anna
	n		AČA.

The Genitive Plural.

- 49. (1) The genitive plural in the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd declensions is like the nominative singular, except strong plurals, and a few nouns which drop the 1 of the nominative singular, as ruit, an eye, gen. pl. rut.
- (2) In the 4th declension, and in the case of nearly all strong plurals, the genitive plural is like the nominative plural.
- (3) In the 5th declension the genitive plural is like the genitive singular.

50. The Dative Plural.

- (1) When the nominative plural ends in Δ or a consonant, the dative plural ends in Δ is.
- (2) When the nominative plural ends in e, the dative plural is formed by changing the e into 15.
- (3) When the nominative plural ends in i, the dative plural is formed by adding v.

The termination of the dative plural is not always used in the spoken language.

Yocative Plural.

- 51. (1) When the dative plural ends in A10, the rocative plural is formed by dropping the 10 of the dative.
- (2) In all other cases it is like the nominative plural.

III. The Declensions.

52. The number of declensions is not quite settled: it is very much a matter of convenience. Five is the number usually reckoned.

The declensions are known by the inflection of the genitive singular.

THE FIRST DECLENSION.

53. All the nouns of the first declension are masculine, and end in a broad consonant.

All masculine nouns ending in a broad consonant are not of the first declension.

54. The genitive singular is formed by attenuating the nominative. In most nouns of the 1st declension this is done by simply placing an after the last broad vowel of the nominative.

Example.

55. maon, a steward.

8	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	maop	maoip
Gen.	maoip	maop
Dat.	maop	maopaib
Voc.	a maoip	a maopa

56. In words of more than one syllable, if the nominative ends in ac or eac, the genitive singular is formed by changing ac or eac into at or 15 respectively. With a few exceptions, the nominative plural of these nouns is like the genitive singular. The other cases are quite regular.

In monosyllables c is not changed into \$; as bruac, a brink, gen. bruaic.

N.B.—In all the declensions in words of more than one syllable ac and eac, when attenuated, become at and 15; and at and 15 when made broad become ac and eac. See dat. pl. of mancac and corteac.

Examples.

57. mapcać, a horseman.

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	mancač	mapeais
Gen.	mapeats	mapeae
Dat.	mapeae	mapeaėa B
Voc.	a mancais	a mancaca

N.B.—The majority of nouns in ac belonging to this declension are declined like mancac.

<i>5</i> 8.	ualac, i	a load	, burden.
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	,	,
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	ualaĉ	ualaiţe
Gen.	uala15	ualaċ
Dat.	ualaĉ	ualaisid
Voc.	a ualaı\$	a ualaise
		_

muttac, a summit; euroac, cloth; beatac, a path, a way; ontac, an inch; and aonac, a fair, are declined like uatac. Aonac has nom. pl. aonac or aontac e.

59. contead. a cock.

1	SINGULAR	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	coileac	coilis
Gen.	coilis	coileac
Dat.	coileac	coileacaid
Voc.	a coilis	a coileaca

60. Besides the above simple method of forming the genitive singular of most nouns of this declension, there are also the following modifications of the vowels of the nominative singular:—

Change eu or éa in nom. sing. into és in gen. sing.

,,	14	••		,,	é 1	,,
,,	o (short)	,,		,,	นา	,,
10	or ea	,,	usually	,,	i	,,

All the other cases of these nouns are formed in accordance with the rules given above.

Examples of Yowel-changes in Genitive Singular.

61. eun, a bird.

8	INGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	eun	éın
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	éın	eun
Dat.	eun	eunaib
Voc.	a éin	a euna

62. reap, a man.

Nom. & Acc.	resp	t.u
Gen.	tih	reap
Dat.	rean	reapaib
Voc.	a fin	a teapa

N.B.—The gen. of oitean in island is oitean; of reap, grass, reip; and of reap, a man, rip.

63. Cnoc, a hill.

8	INGULAB.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	cnoc	cnuic
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	cnuic	cnoc
Dat.	cnoc	cnocaib
Voc.	A Chuic	a cnoca

64. The following nouns change ea into en in genitive singular:—Leant, a child; nearc, strength; cnear, skin; and cearc, right, justice. (Crir and circ are sometimes found as the genitives of cnear and cearc).

Irregular Genitive Singular.

mac, a son,	has	genitive	mıc
biao, food,	,,	,,	bíð
pian, a track,	,,	,,	piain
rpian, a bridle,	,,	,,	ppiain
Opian, Bernard,	Brian	,,	Opiain

'neac. a person; and éinne, aonne (or aonneac) anybody, are indeclinable.

68. Some nouns of this declension form their nominative plural by adding e.

GENITIVE SING

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NOUN.	GENIIIVE SING.	NUM. PLUKAL.
aonac, a fair	40nais	∫aontai ţe
Monac, a fair	2011013	laonai șe
σομας, a door	popair	σοιητε
éizear, a learned man	é ιζι <mark>γ</mark>	é౹ ్రాe
ainzeat, an angel	Ainsil	∆in5le
votap, a road	botain .	b δι ċ με
maopat or (madat), a	dog mathait	maoparde
rtabpao, a chain	rlabhaið	rlabparde
map5at, a market	marsaid	mansaide

- 66 The following nouns take a in nominative plural:—peans, a pen; reod, a jewel; rtan, a surety cnear, skin; meacan, a carrot or parsnip; deos, a tear; caop, a berry; rmeup, a blackberry; udatt, an apple (pl udta); rocat (pl. rocat or rocta); riac,* a debt (riac, pl. reic or reis, a raven); rseut, news; and decay, a brink.
- 67. The following take ca, in nom. pl.:—reot, a sail; ceot, music; neut, a cloud; rzeut, a story; cozao,

This word is usually used in the plural; as no put aon praca onm, I am not in debt.

- war (pl. costa*); cuan, a harbour; oun, a fort (pl. ounca and ouna); ceuo, a hundred; tion, a net; ceap a trunk of a tree (pl. ceapta); mun (pl. munta), a wall.
- 68. Other nominative plurals—ctan, a board, a table, makes ctain or ctanada; todan, a well, makes todan or todnada, todaneada or todheada: pluas, a crowd, makes rtuaiste.
- 69. Many nouns of this declension have two or more forms in the nominative plural. The regular plural is the better one, though the others are also used. The following are a few examples of such nouns:—pean, a man (pl. rip, reana); mac, a son (pl. mic, maca); teadan, a book (teadain, teadna); alim, an army (pl. aiim, anma); capatt, a horse (pl. capatt, caipte).
- 70. The termination -pao has a collective, not a plural force; just like ry in the English words cavalry, infantry, etc. This termination was formerly neuter, but now it is masculine or feminine; the genitive masculine being -paio, the genitive feminine -paioe. Hence taochao, a band of warriors, machao, a company of youths, eachao, a number of steeds (cavalry), are not really plurals of taoc, mac, and eac, but collective nouns formed from them. Likewise eantait, (spoken form, eantaite) is a collective noun meaning a flock of birds, or birds in general, and it is not really the plural of ean. However, taochao and eantait are now used as plurals.

Appendix I. gives a list of nouns belonging to this declension.

[†] When used as a noun.



[·] cozaróe is also used.

THE SECOND DECLENSION.

- 71. All nouns of the 2nd declension are feminine.* They all end in consonants, but the consonants may be either broad or slender.
- 72. The genitive singular is formed by adding e, (if the last vowel of the nominative be broad it must be attenuated); and if the last consonant be c it is changed into t in the genitive (except in words of one syllable).
- 73. The dative singular is got by dropping the final e of the genitive.
- 74. The nominative plural is formed by adding a or e (a, if final consonant be broad) to the nom. sing.

Examples.

78.	tit, a lily.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	LIL	tile	
Gen.	lıle	tıt	
Dat.	LIL	Lilib	
Voc.	a lil	a tite	
76 .	cor, a foot	t or a leg.	
Nom. & Acc.	cor	cora	
Gen.	coire	cor	
Dat.	corp	coraib	
Voc.	a cor	a cora	

^{*} Teac and rtiat, two masculine nouns, are sometimes given with the second declension. We give them as irregular nouns (par. 132).

[†]A foot in measurement is thoug, pl. thougte.

77.

caitleac, a hag.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
cailleac	cailleaca
cailli țe	cailleac
cailli \$	cailleacaib
a cailleac	a cailleaca
	cailleac cailli țe cailli ț

78. Like nouns of 1st declension, the vowels of the nom. sing. are sometimes changed when the final consonant is attenuated in the genitive singular.

The following are the chief changes:-Change 10 in the nom. sing. into 1 in the gen. sing.

In words of one syllable change ea into e1 (but ceanc, a hen, becomes cince); in words of more than one syllable change ea into 1.

79 .	beac, a	bee.	
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	beac	bea ĉ a	
Gen.	beiće	beac	
Dat.	beiċ	beacaib	
Voc.	a beac	a beaca	
80.	zeuz, a branch.		
Nom. & Acc.	SeuS	Seusa	
Gen.	ζéιζe	∠en∠	

5é15e

A Seus

<u>géig</u>

Dat.

Voc.

Seus

Seusaib

a seusa

81.	Sman, a sun.		
	SINGUL	AR. PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	Spian	Spiana, Spianca	
Gen.	Shéin	e Spian	
Dat.	Shein	Spianaið	
Voc.	a spi	an a thiana	
82 .	to	onς, a ship.	
Nom. & Acc.	tong	tonsa	
Gen.	Luing	e tong	
Dat.	Luing	tonsaib	
Voc.	s ton	s a longa	
83. rpeum,* a root. SINGULAR. PLURAL.			
Nom. & Acc.	rneum	ppeuma (or ppeumaca)	
Gen.	rnéime rneum (rneumaca)		
Dat.	rnéim rpeumaid (rpeumacaid)		
Voc.	a theum	a theuma (a theumaca)	
84.	84. Ait, a place.		
s	INGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. & Acc.	ÁIC	áice, áiceanna or áiceaca	
Gen.	AITE	áit, áiteanna "áiteaca	
Dat.	ÁIT	áicib, áiceannaib, áiceacaib	
Voc.	a áic	a áite, áiteanna, áiteaca	
The above	are two e	examples of nouns with strong	
nominative p	lural (see	par. 48).	

85. In forming the genitive, nouns are sometimes

^{*}Also spelled preum in Munster.

syncopated, as burbean, a company, gen. burbne (see pars. 33, 35); buurbean, a palace, gen. sing. buurbne.*

86. Irregular Genitives Singular.

ctann, a clan, children, makes peoc. a drink. oeo¢a oise, rsian, a knife, " rzeana rsine, bniatan, a (solemn) word, " bnéitne, "bniatna blacac, buttermilk, bláitcet tatac, mud, mire, Laiccet oabac, a vat, **DAIBČE** " OABACA ataio, a face, " AIŠČE Δι≾ċe

87. Many nouns of this declension form their nominative plural in anna or aca. The final a of these terminations may be dropped in the genitive plural.

NOM. PL. NOM. SING. cúir, a cause cúireanna tuib, an herb Luibeanna peit, a lathe **oeileanna** Sluair, a contrivance **Eluaireanna** béim, a stroke béimeanna ouair, a prize, reward ouaireanna téim, a leap **Léimeanna** néim, a course, a voyage néimeanna AIT, a place áice, áiceanna, áiceaca tuć, a mouse Luca, Lucanna Teada rsoit, a school rsoiteanna (rsotta), rsoit-

Note the dative singular of these nouns, buroin and bημισίη.
 †Also blácarge.
 ‡Also tacarge.

NOM. SING.

céim, a step ruaim, a sound

uain, an hour, time rnaio, a street

painc, a field

reir, a festival

NOM. PL.

céime inna

ruamai na

uaine, uaineanna, uaineannta

rnáide, rnáideanna, rnáideaca

páince, páinceanna

reireanna

88. Nouns that take aca in nominative plural—

obain, a work

onáro, an oration

rtac, a rod ticin, a letter

ub, an egg

paroin, a prayer

Aicío, a disease

ciúmair, an edge coiction, a fortnight

oibpeada

onároeaca

rlata, rlataca Liche, Licheada

uibe, uibeaca

paroneaca

arciveaca, arcivi

ciúmaireaca

coictivireaca, coictiviri

cnuaitt, a sheathe, a scabbard chuaitteaca

teac, a flag, a flat stone

leaca, leacada, leachada

89. The following take te, te, or ta in the nominative plural; so may be added in the genitive plural: coitt*, a wood; cuin, a pillar, a prop; cin, a country (pl. tionta); ataro, face (pl. arte); rpeun, a sky. rpeunta.

90. Sometimes when the last vowel of the nominative singular is 1 preceded by a broad vowel, the

^{*} Coall is also 5th declension. See Heteroclite nouns, par. 131.

genitive plural is formed by dropping the 1, as rúit, an eye, gen. pl. rút; ruaim, a sound, gen. pl. ruam, &c.

For a list of nouns ending in a broad consonant belonging to this declension, see Appendix II.

THIRD DECLENSION.

- 91. The 3rd declension includes (1) personal nouns ending in oin (all masculine), (2) derived nouns in acc or aco (feminine), (3) other nouns ending in consonants which are, as a rule, masculine or feminine according as they end in broad or slender consonants.
- 92. The genitive singular is formed by adding a. If the last vowel of the nominative be preceded by a broad vowel, the 1 is usually dropped in the gen., as tost, a will, gen. tota.
- 93. The nominative plural is usually the same as the genitive singular; but personal nouns ending in on add i or noe to the nominative singular.
- 94. Most of the derived nouns in act, being abstract in meaning, do not admit of a plural. Mattact, a curse, and a few others have plurals. Fuact, cold, although an abstract noun in act, is masculine.
- 95. The vowels of the nominative often undergo a change in the formation of the genitive singular. These changes are just the reverse of the vowel changes of the 1st and 2nd declensions (see pars. 60 and 78.

Change et, 1 or 10 (short) in nom. into ea in the genitive u ,, uı 0 ,, ,, ,, é١ éΔ ,, Examples. 96. cnám,* a bone. SINGULAR. PLURAL. Nom. & Acc. cnám Cháma Gen. cnáma cnám Dat. cnám cnámaib Voc. a cnám a cháma 97. rion, wine. Nom. & Acc. riona, rionca rion Gen. riona rion Dat. rion rionaib Voc. a fion a tiona 98. cnior, a belt, a girdle. Nom. & Acc. cnior cheara Gen. chears Chior Dat. cnior спеараго Voc. a chior a cheara 99. reoit, flesh, meat. Nom. & Acc. reoil reola Gen. reols reoit

reoil

a reoil

Dat.

Voc.

reolaib

a reola

^{*}Also spelled cháim in nom. sing.

100.	ხათბეი, მ	boatman.
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
Nom. & Acc.	ράσσιη	δάσδιμί (δάσδιμι σe)
Gen.	bádópa	δάσσιρ, δάσσιρί
Dat.	ράσσιη	δάσσιμίδ (δάσσιμισι δ)
Voc.	a vávoip	α βάσσιρί (α βάσσιρισe)
101.	οրuım, ma	sc., the back.
Nom. & Acc.	տւսդԾ	annamono
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	opoma	onomanna
Dat.	տլադտ	Thomainnaid
Voc.	a opuim	s opomanna
102.	Sheim, m	asc., a morsel, grip.
Nom. & Acc.	Sheim	Sheamanna
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	Speama	5 n eamanna

Sheim

a speim

Dat.

Voc.

103. Some nouns of this declension, ending in t or on, form their nominative pl. by adding to or te to the nom. sing. These may add no to form gen. pl., as—

Sneamannaid

a speamanna

moin,* a bog,	nom. pl.	móın <mark>⊏e</mark>
táin, a drove,	,,	Cáince
bliadain, a year	, ,,	bliadan ca†

[•] móin is also 5th declension. See Heteroclite Nouns, par. 131.

[†]bliaona after numerals, as occ mbliaona, eight years.

104. Some nouns of this declension form their nom. plural by adding nna to the gen. singular. These may drop the final a in the gen. plural:—

	NOM.	PLU	URAL.
am, time	am annta	or	amanna
rpuć, a stream	rpota	,,	rnotanna
opuim, m., a back			o pomanna
Sut, a voice	50ta	••	50tanna
speim, m., a morsel			Speamanna
cit, or ciot, a shower	ceata	,,	ceatanna
ctear, a trick	cleara	,,	clearanna
anam, a soul	anma	,,	anmanna
oat, a colour	Oata	,,	oatann a
ainm, a name	ainmne, a	unn	nneaca, anmanna
marom, a defeat	maoma,	mai	oman na

105. Other Nominatives Plural. Sniom, a deed, an act makes Sniomanta* connect,

covenant ,, connapta
caint, a tax ,, canaca
buacaitt, a boy ,, buacaitti
ctiamain, a son-in-law ,, ctiamnaca
teabao,‡ f., a bed ,, teabta, teaptaca, teapta
curo, a share, a portion ,, cooca, cooana

For a list of nouns belonging to this declension, see Appendix III.

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[•] Really pl. of χηίοτηταν. † Cáin is also 5th declension.

‡ Also spelled teabard.

THE FOURTH DECLENSION.

- 106. The 4th declension includes (1) personal nouns in aime, aime,
- 107. This declension differs from all others in having all the cases of the singular exactly alike.
- 108. The nominative plural is usually formed by adding i, toe or AGA.
- 109. The genitive plural is like the nom. pl., but ear is frequently added in other grammars. There is no necessity whatever for this, because both cases are pronounced alike.
- 110. Nouns of more than one syllable ending in a form their nom. plural in aroe, or ai, as mata, a bag, pl. mataroe, or matai; cota, a coat, pl. cotaroe, or cotal.

111. caitin, masc., a girl.

SINGULAR. PLURAL. Nom. & Acc. carlin (caitinide) Cailini orGen. cailini (cailin) ,, (cailinide) cailin Dat. " (cartinrorb) cailin cailinib Voc. a cailin ., (a cailinide) a cailini

112. tizeanna a lord.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

Nom. & Acc. cizeanna cizeannai(-aive)

Gen. cizeanna cizeannai(-aive)

Dat. cizeanna cizeannaib(-aivib)

Voc. a cizeanna a cizeannai(-aive)

113. The following nouns take ce immediately after the last consonant to form the nominative plural:—

bate, a town plural batte or batteaca

rtonne, a surname
muitte, a mule
mite, a thousand, a mile
teme, a shirt
teme,† a five
cunne, a corner

,, rloinnce ,, muilte ,, milce*

Léin**ce, lé**inceada **Ce**ince, **ce**inceada

cúinnce cúin**ní**

114. The following nouns add te in nominative plural, viz., all nouns ending in oe or se—e.g. choroe, a heart, pl. chorote; also caoi, a way, a method; oaoi, a fool; raoi, a wise man; onaoi, a druid; otaoi, a curl.

^{*} mite, a thousand, or a mile, is invariable after a numeral.

treine is also 5th. See Heteroclite novns, par. 131.

Sno, a work (pl. 5nota),* nio, or ni, a thing (pl. neite); ouine, a person, makes oaoine in nom. pl.

uinge, an ounce, ,, uingeada ,, earna, a rib, ,, earnada ,,

115. A few proper nouns, although not ending in a vowel or in, belong to this declension, and do not change their form in any of their cases, viz.:—
paopais, Patrick; Seaporo, Gerald; Muipir, Maurice; Cataoir, Cahir.

The word tucc, a people, does not change in gen.

THE FIFTH DECLENSION.

- 116. Most of the nouns belonging to this declension end in a vowel, and are, with a few exceptions, feminine.
- 117. The genitive singular is formed by adding a broad consonant.

This consonant varies in different nouns, but is usually n, nn, sometimes o, o, or c. When the nominative singular ends in a consonant, a or ea comes between that consonant and the consonant added.

118. The dative singular is formed by attenuating the genitive. In the case of those nouns which form the genitive by adding c, the dative singular is usually like the nominative.

^{*}Snóżaroe is spoken in Kerry.

119. The nominative plural, as a general rule, is formed by adding a to the genitive singular. A few form their nominative plural by adding e to the gen. sing. This is accompanied with syncope, as in cannoe, friends; naimoe, enemies; gaione, smiths; and aione, rivers, which are the plurals of capa, nama, gaba, and ao, or aoa.

Some others form the nominative plural by attenuating the genitive singular, as in tacam, ducks; com, hounds; piero, twenty; caorpis, sheep; comuppain, neighbours.

The genitive plural is exactly like the genitive singular.

Examples.

	–	
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
120 .	peapra, fem., a	person.
Nom. & Acc.	peapra	peaprana
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	peanran	peapran
Dat.	peaprain	реаргапав
Voc.	a peanra	a peaprana
121.	capa, fem., a f	riend.
Nom. & Acc.	capa	cáinoe
Gen.	capao	сарао
Dat.	capato	Cáipoit
Voc.	a capa	a cainde

	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
122.	Sava, masc., a	smith.
Nom. & Acc.	Saba	Zaibne
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	Sabann	Sabann
Dat.	Sabainn	Saibnib
Voc.	a saba	a Šaibne
123 .	taca, fem., e	a duck.
Nom. & Acc.	lača	tačain
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	tačan	laċan
Dat.	L aċain	La čanaib
Voc.	a laċa	a tačana
124.	cuirte, fem.,	a vein.
Nom. & Acc.	cuirte	cuirteanna
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	cuirteann	cuirteann
Dat.	cuirtinn	cuirteannaib
Voc.	a cuiple	a cuirteanna
125.	caopa, fem.,	a sheep.
Nom. & Acc.	caopa	caoihiz
Gen.	caopač	caopač
Dat.	caopais	слорель, слораель
Voc.	a caopa	a caopia or a caopaca
126.	cataoip, fem.	, a chair.
Nom. & Acc.	cataoin	cataoipeaca
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	cataoines	ić cataoipeac
Dat.	cataoip	cataoipeacaib
Voc.	a cataoip	a cataomeaca

SINGULAR (no Plural).

127. Nom. & Acc. Cine (Ireland)

Gen. Eineann

Dat. Eininn

Voc. a Eine

128. Nom. & Acc. Ceamain (Tara)

Gen. Teampac

Dat. Ceampais or Ceamain

Voc. a teamain

129. Nom. & Acc. Alba (Scotland)

Gen. Alban

Dat. Albain

Voc. a Alba

130. The following nouns are used only in the plural, referring originally rather to the *inhabitants* of the place than to the place itself:—

Sacrana, England.

Nom. & Acc. Sacrana or Sacrain

Gen. Sacran

Dat. Sacranaib

Laigin, Connacta, Ularo,
Leinster. Connaught. Ulster.
Nom. & Acc. Laigin Connacta Ularo

Gen. Laigean Connact Ulab Dat. Laignib Connactaib Ultaib

A large list of the commonly used nouns, which belong to this declension, are given in Appendix IV.

Heteroclite Nouns.

131. Heteroclite nouns are those which belong to more than one declension. The following are the chief nouns of this class, We give only the genitive case in the singular, as the other cases present no difficulty. The irregular nominative plurals only are given:—

NOUN. DECLE	ensions. Gen. sing.	NOM. PL.
bpiatap, a word	1 & 2 bpiatain	
rsiat, a shield	1 & 2 rseit	
ceine, a fire	4 & 5 Teine	ceince
beata, life	4 & 5 {beata beata	
rtiże, a way	4 & 5{ruże rużead	rlište
coitt, a wood	$2 \& 5 \begin{cases} \text{coille} \\ \text{coillest} \end{cases}$	coille
móin, a bog	8 & 5 \ \ monar	mõince
talam, m., land	1 & 5 { Talaim, m. Talman, f.	
eonna, barley	4 & 5 \	
bneiceam, a judge	1 & 5 bheitim	bpeiteamain bpeiteamna

NOUN. DECLE	NSIONS. GEN. SING.	NOM. PL.
reiceam, a debtor	$1 \& 5 \begin{cases} \text{reicim} \\ \text{reiceaman} \end{cases}$	feiceamain feiceamna
rnon, f., a nose	$oldsymbol{2}$ & $oldsymbol{3}$ $egin{cases} an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1 & 1 \\ an 1 & 1$	
cuac, a cuckoo	1 & 2 cuaic, m . cuaice, f .	Cuai c Cuaca
compa, a coffer,	$egin{array}{c} 4 & 5 & { m compan} \ { m compan} \end{array}$	cómpana
cáin, a tax	$3 \& 5 \begin{cases} cána \\ cánac \end{cases}$	cána Cánača
conóin, a crown	2 & 5 conóine conónac chónac	сорбпаса

All abstract nouns ending in ear or ar may belong either to the 1st or 3rd declension; as, aoionear, pleasure, gen. aoionir or aoioneara. Being abstract nouns they are seldom used in the plural.

Irregular Nouns.

811	NGULAR.	PLURAL.	
1 32. c	Z. ceac, masc., a house.		
Nom. & Acc.	ceac, cis	τι ξτε	
Gen.	τι ςe*	τι ξ τε(Δό), τεΔ¢	
Dat.	ceac, cis	τιξτιδ	
Voc.	a teac, tis	۸ ti ţte	

^{*} It has also the forms coize in gen. and coiz in dative.

SINGULAR. PLURAL. rtiab, masc., a mountain. Nom. & Acc. rtiab rleibce rléibe rléibce

Gen. Dat. rleib, rliab rleibcib

Voc. a řléibte a pliab

atain, masc., a father.

Nom. & Acc. atain aithe or aitheaca Gen. aitheat ,, aitheata atan

Dat. atain aitheacaib

Voc. a aithe or a aitheaca a atain

oeinoriún, f., a sister (by blood).

Nom. & Acc. peinbriún σειηθήιύηλολ

Gen. veinbreatan σειμθητώμαζα Dat. กเลเรียนเอด veinbriúnacaib

In these words the br is pronounced like r.

The words matain, a mother; bratain, a brother (in religion); and vesnonatain, a brother (by blood), are declined like atain. The genitive of riun, a sister (in religion), is reatan (or riuna).

PLURAL. SINGULAR. ni, masc., a king.

Nom. & Acc. ní niste, niosa, niosta Gen. nios niżte niuż nis Dat. nistib Yoc. a nitte a ni

SINGULAR. PLURAL. bean, fem., a woman. Nom. & Acc. bean mna Gen. mná ban Dat. mnáib mn301 Voc. a bean a mná bo, fem., a cow. Nom. & Acc. bo bΔ Gen. bó hń Dat. buin buaib Voc. 4 64 A 00 Oia, mare., God. Nom. & Acc. 'Old Dée, Déite Gen. **ግ**ፉ OIA, Oéiteat Dat. O1A Oéitio Voc. α Όέ, α Όια α Όέ**e** ta, masc., a day. PLURAT. SINGULAR. Nom. & Acc. tá Laete, Laeteanca* Gen. laeteat, laeteanta, lá 1.Ae Dat. 10, Lc Laetib, Laeteantaib Voc. a laete, a laeteanta s lá cné, fem., soil, earth. Nom. & Acc. cné chérdeana Gen. chiad, chéidead chiad

chéro, ché

a ché

Dat.

Voc.

Chérdeanaid

a chéroeana

^{*} Lá is generally used after numerals.

PLURAL. SINGULAR. mi, fem., a month. miorat Nom. & Acc. mi Gen. miora mior Dat. mir, mi mioraib ceo, masc., a fog. Nom. & Acc. ceo ceobana, ceoca Gen. CIAC, CEOIS ceó Dat ceócaib ceó 54, masc., a spear, javelin, sunbeam. Nom. & Acc. 54 **5Δe**τ**e**, **5Δ0**1, **5Δ0**1τ**e** Saoite(at), Sat Gen. 50, 50e, 5001 SACTIO, SACITIO Dat. 50 o or us, masc., a grandson. Nom. & Acc. o. uí UΔ · Gen. uí í. uл Dat. Ó, 10, 410 uа Voc. a ui a ui 5é, masc., a goose Nom. & Acc. 56 or 5640 Séanna, Séada, Séide Gen. ré " réid, reoid réanna, réad Dat. ςė ,, ςέαδ Séannaib, Séadaib Voc. a té " a téau

rnis, fem., a fleshworm.

Nom. & Acc. pnix rni50eaca Gen. rnistoeac(a) thizoe Dat. rni510 rnisteacaib

a téanna, a téada

[†] mí after numerals as oct mí, 8 months: míonna is spoken in Kerry as plural of mi.

CHAPTER III.

The Adjective.

I. DECLENSION OF ADJECTIVES.

133. In Irish the adjective agrees with the noun which it qualifies in gender, number, and case.

There are four declensions of adjectives. Adjectives are declined very much like nouns; the great difference is that they never* take the termination is in the dative plural (though formerly they did). The dative plural is invariably like the nominative plural.

Adjectives, in forming their genitive singular, undergo the same vowel-changes as nouns, as—

Soum, blue, gen. masc. Suium Seat, bright, ,, 51t, &c.

FIRST DECLENSION.

- 134. All adjectives ending in a broad consonant, as mon, ban, rionn, &c., belong to the 1st declension.
- 135. When an adjective of the 1st declension agrees with a masculine noun, it is declined like a noun of the 1st declension (see maon, &c., pars. 55, 57), except that the nom., acc., dat., and voc. plural are always alike, and are formed by adding a to the nominative singular.



^{*}When used as nouns they take the termination.

136. When an adjective of the 1st declension agrees with a feminine noun, it is declined like a noun of the 2nd declension (see cor, par. 67, &c.), but it never takes it in the dative plural.

Adjectives ending in ac form their plural by adding a, both for masculine and feminine.

	Examp	oles.		
137. mon , big.				
SINGULAR. PLURAL.				
	Maso.	Fem.	Masc. & Fem.	
Nom. & Acc.	moη	móμ	mona	
Gen.	móιp	morpe	móμ	
Dat.	móņ	móiji	ιπόμα	
Voc.	m ó ነր	móp	mópa	
188. Seat, bright.				
Nom. & Acc.	Seal	5eal	5eala	
Gen.	51L	51le	Seal	
Dat.	seal	51L	5eala	
Voc.	51 t	Zeal	zeala	
139. o	ipeac, strai	ght, direct	i .	
Nom. & Acc.	vinesc	oineac	nipeaca	
Gen.	vinit	σίηι <u></u> ξε	oipeac	
Dat.	oine.ic	oinis	vipeača	
Voc	Oinis	oineac	Oineaca	

140. The following list of adjectives gives examples of the vowel-changes mentioned above. The genitive

masculine is given; the genitive feminine is formed by adding e:—

NOM.	GEN.		NOM.	GEN.	
tom	Luım	bare	reapo	reiրö	bitter
20hm	Հու ևա	blue	reans	reing	slender
ρομρ	սու րե	\mathbf{rough}	Zenh	Zéiħ	\mathbf{sharp}
срот	cpuim	\mathbf{bent}	oipeac	σίμις	straight
nnoo	ouinn	\mathbf{brown}	uaisneac	นผาธูการุ่	lonely
ροΣ	pni2	\mathbf{soft}	Albanac	Albana	15 Scotch
ροςς	poiçc	poor	rıonn	rınn	fair
τηom	chnim	heavy	rial	réil	generous
mean	ուր	active	rliuč	rlić	wet
ceapt	cipc (ceip		peas	ρıΣ	\mathbf{small}
		\mathbf{right}	cpion	cpin	withered
vear	σeιr	pretty	ceann	ceinn	stern
oeaps	saliao	\mathbf{red}			

141. There are five or six adjectives of the first declension which are syncopated in the genitive singular feminine and in the plural:—

NOMINATIVE.	GEN. SING.		PLURAL.
	Masc.	Fem.	Both Genders.
uarat, noble	uarait	uairte	uairte
vitear, beloved, dear	oilir	voilre	oilre
peamap, fat	реатаір	րéւṁրе	peampa
iriot, low	irıl	irle	irle
zeapp, short	2մհհ*	zioppa (i	rreg.) zeappa

^{*} Seappa is sometimes used in the spoken language.

SECOND DECLENSION.

142. All adjectives ending in a slender consonant, except those in amail, belong to the second declension.

In the singular all the cases, both masculine and feminine, are alike, except the genitive feminine which is formed by adding e.

In the plural both genders are alike. All the cases, with the exception of the genitive, are alike, and are formed by adding e to the nominative singular.

The genitive plural is the same as the nominative singular.

Example.

143.	mait,		
	SING	PLURAL.	
	Masculine.	Feminine.	Both Genders.
Nom. & Acc.	mait	mait	maite
Gen.	mait	maite	mait
Dat.	mait	mait	maite
Voc.	mait	mait	maite

144. Notice the following examples of syncope in the genitive feminine and in the plural:—

acitinn, gen. sing. fem. and pl. acitine, pleasant atuinn, ,, attne (atte), beautiful mitre, sweet

146. The following adjectives are irregular:—
coin, gen. sing. fem. and plural copa, right, just
oeacain, ,, oeacpa, difficult
rocain, ,, rocha, easy

THE THIRD DECLENSION.

146. The third declension includes all those adjectives which end in amout. This termination has the same signification as the English affix like in warlike, or ly in manly, princely, &c.

In both numbers the two genders are alike. All the cases in the singular are the same, except the genitive, which is formed by adding a. This is always accompanied by syncope. All the cases of the plural (except the genitive) are the same as the gen. sing. There are no exceptions or irregularities in this declension.

Example.

147.	47. respansat, manly.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
	Both Genders.	Both Genders.	
Nom. & Acc.	reapamail	respamla	
Gen.	reapamla	reapamail	
Dat.	reapamail	respamla	
Voc.	reapamail	respamls	

FOURTH DECLENSION.

148. All adjectives ending in a vowel belong to the fourth declension, as rapa, long; orpa, golden. They have no inflexions whatever, all the cases, singular and plural, being exactly alike.

There are two exceptions—viz., ce, hot, warm; and beo, alive. Ce (often spelled ceic), becomes ceo in the genitive singular feminine, and also in the plural of both genders.

Deo, alive, becomes become in the plural. In the singular it is quite regular, except after the word Oia; its genitive is then oi, as mac Oe oi, the Son of the living God.

Rules for the Aspiration of the Adjectives.

These rules really belong to Syntax, but for the convenience of the student we give them here.

- 149. (a) An adjective beginning with an aspirable consonant is aspirated in the nominative and accusative feminine singular, in the genitive masculine singular, and in the dative and vocative singular of both genders.
- (b) The adjective is also aspirated in the nominative and accusative plural when the noun ends in a slender consonant.

Exceptions to the Rules for Aspiration.

- **150.** (a) An adjective beginning with v_0 or v_0 is usually not aspirated when the noun ends in v_0 , v_0 , v_0 , v_0 , v_0 (dentals).
- (b) c and ξ are usually not aspirated when the preceding word ends in c, ξ , or η .
- (c) p and b are usually not aspirated when the preceding word ands in p, b, or m.

These exceptions apply to most rules for the aspiration of nouns as well as adjectives.

- (d) The genitive of nouns of the 3rd and 5th declensions ought not to have the initial of the adjective following them aspirated. Usage, however, differs somewhat on this point.
- (e) In the spoken language of Connaught the adjective is not aspirated in the dative singular masculine.

Rules for Eclipsing the Adjective.

- 151. (a) The adjective is usually eclipsed in the genitive plural, even though the article is not used before the noun; and if the adjective begins with a vowel n is prefixed.
- (b) The initial of an adjective following a noun in the dative sing. should, as a rule, be aspirated; but whenever the noun is eclipsed after the article the adjective is often eclipsed also; aspiration in this case is just as correct as eclipsis, and is more usual.

Examples

152. Noun, Adjective and Article declined in com-

SINGULAR. PLURAL. an reap mon, the big man.

Nom. & Acc. an reap mon na rip mona Gen. an rip moin na breap mon

Dat. Leir an breap mon Leir na reapaid mona

Voc. a tin moin a teana mona

an creamnos star beas, the green little shamrock.

Nom. & Acc. an treamnos star na reamnosa stara beasa beasa

Gen. na reampoise staire na reampos nstar bise mbeas

Dat. O'n creampois stair o na reamposaid bis stara beasa

Voc. a feampos star a feamposa stara
beas beasa

an crean-bean bocc, the poor old woman.

Nom. & Acc. an trean-bean na rean-mná bočta bočt

Gen. na rean-mná na rean-ban mbocc

Dat. 00'n trean- 00 na rean-mnáib

Voc. a fean - bean a fean-mna bocca

N.B.—When an adjective precedes its noun it is invariable.

Comparison of Adjectives.

- 163. In Irish there are two comparisons—(1) the comparison of equality, (2) the comparison of superiority.
- 154. The comparison of equality is formed by placing com (or co), "as" or "so," before the adjective, and te, "as," after it. (This te becomes term before the article, and then causes eclipsis if the noun be singular.)

If a verb occurs in the second portion of the sentence, agur (not te) must be used for the second "as" in English. Tá Seagán com món te Seumar, John is as big as James. Ní fuit ré com táioin teir an brean, he is not as strong as the man. Ní fuit ré com mair agur (ar) bí ré, he is not as good as he was.

- 155. The comparison of superiority has three degrees—the positive, the comparative, and the superlative. The positive is the simple form of the adjective, as ban, seat. The comparative and superlative have exactly the same form as the genitive singular feminine of the adjective, as bane, site.
- 156. The comparative degree is always preceded by some part of the verb 17, expressed or understood, and in almost every case is followed by the word ná (or 10ná), "than."

If file an finan ná an fealac,
The sun is brighter than the moon.
An reapp tura ná to teapphátain?
Are you better than your brother?

157. In a comparative sentence the verb $\tau \tilde{\lambda}$ (or any other verb) may be used, but even then the verb ηr must be used.

Whenever tá (or any other verb) is used in a com-

parative sentence, the comparative must be preceded by the word nior (i.e., ni or nro, a thing, and the verb rr) as—

The sun is brighter than the moon.

An orust tu nior reapp no occaponatain? Are you better than your brother?

188. As stated in previous paragraph nior=ni + ir. If the time of the comparison be past ni ba is used instead of nior. In conditional comparisons ni bao is employed.

Da voic tiom so pair Una ni d'aoirre na Maire. I thought that tina was taller than Maire.

- 159. Every superlative sentence in Irish is a relative sentence. Thus instead of saying "the best man" we say "the man (who) is best"; for "the tallest man," we say "the man (who) is tallest." The word "who" in this case is never translated, for the obvious reason that there is really no simple relative pronoun in Irish.
- 160. If the sentence happens to be in the past or future "the best man" will have to be translated as "the man (who) was best" or "the man (who) will be best." In such cases if or ar can never be used. Do or but must be used in the past tense.

If the first portion of the sentence contains a verb in the conditional mood, the conditional of ir (viz., vo vav: vo is often omitted) must be used.

The highest hill in Ireland, an enoc if airoe in-Cininn.

The biggest man was sitting in the smallest chair,

Di an reap ba mo na ruive inr an scataoip ba tuta.

The best man would have the horse,

Oo bead an capall as an break to b'feaph (Lit. The horse would be at the man (who) would be best).

The English comparative of Inferiority is translated by nior tusa followed by an abstract noun corresponding to the English adjective: e.g., nior tusa respansateact, less manly.

Intensifying Particles.

161. The meaning of an adjective can be intensified by placing any of the following particles before the positive of the adjective. All these particles cause aspiration.

An, very; piop (or pip), very or truly (as truly good); piot, very; piot mait, very good.

5te, pure (as pure white); μο, too, excessively.

γάη, exceedingly; úη, very (in a depreciating sense).

mait, good; an-mait, very good; rion-mait, truly good; no-ruan, too cold.

ran te, excessively hot (warm); úιη-iriot, very low: úη-ξηάποα, very ugly.

162. In the spoken language the adjective is sometimes intensified by repeating the positive twice, as—

bí ré cinn cinn, he was very sick.

τά γέ τροm τροm, it is very heavy.

tá rtiuc rtiuc, a very wet day.

163. Sometimes we is annexed to the comparative; it is really the prepositional pronoun we, of it.

11i moroe (mo + ve) 50 μαζαν. It is not likely that I shall go.

thi mirroe (meara + roe) beit as brat orc! It is no harm to be depending on you!

- 164. Although the comparative and the superlative are absolutely alike in form, yet they may be easily distinguished:—
- (1) By the context; the comparative can be used only when we are speaking of two persons or things, the superlative is always used for more than two.
- (2) By the word not (than) which always follows the comparative, except when roe is used; the superlative is never followed by either.
- 165. When comparing adjectives (i.e., giving the three degrees of comparison), it is usual to use nior before the comparative, and ir before the superlative, as

POSITIVE. COMPARATIVE. SUPERLATIVE.

bán nior báine ir báine

star nior staire ir staire

Remember that nior and ir change their forms according to the tense of the verb in the sentence.

166.	-	Comparison.
POSITIV		COMPARATIVE.
	ttle or small	luża
pava, l		ruide, faide, fia
moη, bi	-	mó
otc, ba	d	meapa
maic, g	ood	tealt
Zevliu'	short	Ziohha
bpeas,	fine	bpeášča
minic,	often	minici, miones
ce (cen	t), warm	ce ó
Cijum, (lry	Ciohma
rupur(2	A)]	frupa
ս րսբ	a) easy	{ura
ionmun	ı, dear, belove	d ionmuine or annra
5 ձր, ne	ar (of place)	Zorhe
		froigre
rozur,	near	toille
		(τηέιη e
chenu,	brave, strong	chein e cheine
Spánoa	s, ugly	Shqiuoe
		₍ δί ητο e
apo, hi	igh	ά ητοε {α ητο ε
		(Δοιησε
iomós,	many	mó or lia (more numerous)

neare and cuirge, nearer, sooner, are comparatives which have no positive.

N.B.—The superlatives of the above adjectives have exactly the same forms as the comparatives.

^{*} This word was formerly spelled breakton or breakto, and these forms may be used in the plural.

167. Numeral Adjectives.

101. 14411101011	Lajoou i os.
CARDINALS.	ORDINALS.
1, aonamáin	1st, ceuo,* aonmao
2, vá	2nd, σαμα, ταμπα, σόπασ
8, Երմ,	3rd, τρίοπαο τρελη
ceiċηe	4th, ceatpainat
5, cúις	5th, cuizead, cuizmad
6, ré	6th, reiread, rémad
7, react	7th, reactmat
8, oċt	8th, occman
9, naoi	9th, naomar
10, veič	10th, peacman, peicean
11, aon veus	11th, sonman neus
12, τά τέλς	12th, vapa veus
18, thi deal	18th, thear deut, thiomad
	σeug
14, ceithe σένς	14th, cestpamar veus
15, cúig oe ug	15th, cúisead beus
16, ré oeu <u>s</u>	16th, reiread beus
17, гелст беид	17th, reactimato beug
18, oct beug	18th, octman neus
19, naoi oeuz	19th, naomad deug
20, riće	20th, picear
21, son if (or ar) fice;	21st, aonmaio an ficio
son an ficto	

^{*} The c of ceuo is usually aspirated after the article.

	CARDINALS.	ORDINALS.
22,	oc or va ip pice; va	22nd, vapa ap ficiv;
	or vá ap ticiv	oapariceao
23,	chi ir rice; chi an	23rd, chiomad an ficio or
	†1Ċ1O	Thear an ticio
30,	oeic ir rice [chioca]	30th, reacmar an ficir
31,	Aon beus ir rice	31st, aonmao oeus an
		ţiĊ1Ό
32 ,	os or os veuz ip pice	32nd, vana veus an ficio
	reads beun ir rice	87th, reacting oeus an
,	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	ficiο
40,	oá ficio [ceathaca]	40th, vá řičiveav
41,	aon ip oa ficio	41st, Δοημάδ αμ δά έιδιο
44,	ceatain or ceitne in	44th, ceatpamao ap oá
	vá řiciv	ἐιċι το
50,	neič ir dá řičio; leič-	50th, το κατά το το το τίσιο
	ceuo, caosa	
51,	Aon Deus ir Dá ficio	51st, sonmad beug sp ds
		‡ićio
60,	chi ticio [reapsa]	60th, chi picioeao
61,	aon ip thi picto	61st, sonmad an thi ricio
70,	oeić ir chi ricio	70th, σελέπλο λη τρί ριόιο
	[reacomosa]	
71,	Aon veus ir chi ricio	71st, sonmad deut an thi
		ricio
80,	ceιτηε τιόιο [οċτ-	80th, ceitne ricioead
	moţa]	• •
81,		81st, aonmao an ceiche
•		ricio
90,	neic ir ceitne ricio	90th, venemas an ceicne
	[nóċa]	pièro

CARDINALS.	ORDINALS.
91, son beug if ceith	e 91st, aonmad deuz ap
riĉio	čeitne ričio
100, céao (ceuo)	100th, ceuvav
101, son ir ceuv	101st, aonmao an ceuo
200, vá čeuv	200th, об сеполо
300, chi ceuo	800th, thi ceudad
400, ceitpe deuro	400th, cerche ceudad
800, οέτ ξεευσ	800th, oct scendad
1000, mile	1000th, milear
2000, vá míte	2000th, va mileav
8000, chi mile	8000th, cpi milead
4000, cei էրe ṁí le	4000th, certpe milead
1,000,000, milliún	1,000,000th, milliúnað

Notes on the Numerals.

168. There is another very idiomatic way of expressing the numbers above twenty-one, viz., by placing the word piceao alone after the first numeral:—oeic piceao, 80: piceao is really the genitive of pice, so that the literal meaning of oeic piceao is ten of twenty; oeic 5capaill piceao, 80 horses; peace mba piceao, 27 cows.

169. Whenever any numeral less than twenty is used by itself (i.e., not followed immediately by a noun), the particle a must be used before it. This a prefixes n- to vowels:—a n-aon, one; a oo, two; a n-occ, eight.

Tá ré a ceatain a ctoz, it is four o'clock.

Tá ré teat-uain o'éir a no, it is half past two.

^{*} In Ulster and Munster the article an is used instead of this a.

- 170. Very frequently in modern times the particle a_{Γ} (= $a_{\Sigma}u_{\Gamma}$) is used instead of u_{Γ} in numbers. a_{Γ} in numbers is pronounced iss.
- 171. A no and a ceatain can be used only in the absence of nouns. If the nouns be expressed immediately after "two" and "four," not and centre must be used.
- 172. Aon, one, when used with a noun almost always takes the word amain after the noun; as, aon fean amain, one man. Aon by itself usually means "any;" as, aon fean, any man; aon ta, any day. Sometimes aon is omitted and amain only is used, as ta amain, one day.
- 173. Under the heading "Ordinals" two forms will be found for nearly all the smaller numbers. The forms given first are the ones generally used. As the secondary forms are often met with in books, they are given for the sake of reference. Ceao, first, is used by itself, but sommer is used in compound numbers, such as 21st, 31st, &c.

First, as an adverb, is an o-cur or an o-cur, never, ceuo.

174. The σ of σA , two is always aspirated except after a word ending in one of the letters, σ , n, τ , t, r, or after the possessive adjective A, her.

The words for 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, given in brackets, are the old words for these numbers; they are not used now, and are given simply for reference.

175. Fice, ceuo, and mite, together with the old words for 30, 40, 50, &c., are really nouns* and can be declined.

Nom. rice gen. riceao dat. ricio pl. ricio ,, ceuo ,, ceuo ,, ceuo ,, ceuoca ,, mile ,, mile ,, milce
The other words are 5th declension, and form their

The other words are 5th declension, and form their genitive by adding o.

176. Mite, a thousand, or a mile, and ceuo, a hundred never change their forms after a numeral; naon mite, 9,000, or 9 miles.

The Personal Numerals.

177. The following numeral nouns are used especially of persons. All, with the exception of vir and being, are compounds of the word reap, a man (the r of which has disappeared owing to aspiration), and the numeral adjectives.

αοπαρή (αοπ-ţεαρ)one person[σίτ (σίατ)]a pair, a couplebeiμεtwo persons, a couple;τμιῦρ (οτ τριαρ) (τρί-ţεαρ)three personsceaτραρ (ceaταιρ-ţεαρ)four personscũιξεαρfive personsreiγεαρsix persons

^{*} See Syntax, par. 511 and 512.

⁺ Used in the idiomatic expression for "alone." See par. 654.

[‡] tánama, a married couple.

mon-reigran
reactan
seven persons
octan
eight persons
naondan or nondan
nine persons
oeicneadan
ten persons
twelve persons

N.B.—The singular form of the article is used before these numerals; as an cuizean reap, the five men.

The Possessive Adjectives.

178. The term "possessive pronouns" has been incorrectly applied by many grammarians to the "possessive adjectives." A pronoun is a word that can stand for a noun and be separated from the noun, as the words "mine" and "his" in the sentences, "This book is mine," "This cap is his." If I wish to say in Irish, "Did you see his father and mine?" I say, "An bracair a atain agur m' atain" (not agur mo). The possessive adjectives in Irish can never stand alone; hence they are not pronouns.

179. The possessive adjectives are as follows:—

180. A, his; A, her; and A, their, are very easily distinguished by their initial effects on the following word.

- 181. The o of mo and oo is elided whenever they are followed by a word beginning with a vowel or r, as m' runneos, my window; o' acam, thy father.
- 182. Before a vowel oo, thy, is very often written τ or t, as o' atain, t' atain, thy father; even n-atain is sometimes wrongly written.
- 183. The possessive adjectives may take an emphatic increase, but this emphatic particle always follows the noun, and is usually joined to it by a hyphen; and should the noun be followed by one or more adjectives which qualify it, the emphatic particle is attached to the last qualifying adjective.

The Emphatic Particles.

184. The emphatic particles can be used with (1) the possessive adjectives, (2) the personal pronouns, (3) the prepositional pronouns, and (4) the synthetic forms of the verbs. Excepting the first person plural all the particles have two forms. When the word to which they are attached ends in a broad vowel or consonant use the broad particles, otherwise employ the slender.

		SINGU	LAR.	PLUR	AL.
1.		-ra,	-re	-ne	
2		-ra,	-re	-ra,	-re
8.	Masc., Fem	-pan,	-rean	-nan	-rean
٠.	Fem	-re.	-m	٠, ۵۱۱,	- CAII

Examples.

mo teac-ra, my house; a teac-ran, his house; an oteac-ne, our house: mire, myself; reirean, himself; aca-ran, at themselves; buaitim-re, I strike.

185. The word pein may also be used (generally as a distinct word) to mark emphasis, either by itself or in conjunction with the emphatic particles: as

mo teac réin, my own house mo teac-ra réin, even my house mo teac breát mór-ra, my fine large house

mo teac rein and mo teac-ra may both mean "my house," but the latter is used when we wish to distinguish our own property from that of another person; as, your house and mine, to teac-ra agur mo teac-ra.

186. The possessive adjectives are frequently compounded with the following prepositions:—

1, in (ann), in; te, with; oo, to; o, from; and ra, under.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

1, in or ann, in.

im, am 'mo, in my
náp, ináp, i n-áp, in our
io, ao, 'oo, in thy, in your
'na, i n-a, ina, in his, in her
In the third person singular and plural iona, ionna, anna are also found written.

187.

te, with.

tem, te mo,* with my teo, te oo; with thy or your te noup, with your te n-a, with his or her

te n-an, with our te n-a, with their

188.

700, to.

room', roo mo,* to my voo', vo vo,* to thy or your vá, to his or her

van, to our vo bup, vá bup, to your oa, to their

189.

o, from.

om, o mo, from my oo, o oo,* from thy or your o n-a, from his or her

o n-sp, from our o nous, from your o n-a, from their

190.

rá or ro, under.

rám, róm, under my

rá n-áp, ró n-áp, under our

ráo, róo, under thy, your

rá noun, ró nbun, under your

rá n-a, ró n-a, under his, her

ra n-a, ro n-a, under their

191. The following compounds are frequently used with verbal nouns:-

45, at.

asom, as mo, at my 4500, 45 00, at thy, your asa, 'sa, sa, at his, her

'5an, 5an, a5 an, at our as bun, at your azá, 'zá, or zá, at their

The forms marked with an asterisk are used in the North.

- 192. When "you" and "your" refer to one person, the singular words cu and to are used in Irish, to atain, your father (when speaking to one person), bun n-atain, your father (when speaking to more than one.)
- 193. Those of the above combinations which are alike in form are distinguished by the initial effect they cause in the following word; as, o n-a tiz, from his house; o n-a tiz, from her house; o n-a tiz, from their house.
- 194. The above combinations may take the same emphatic increase as the uncompound possessive adjectives; om tit pein, from my own house; om tit theat mon-ra, from my fine large house.

Demonstrative Adjectives.

195. The demonstrative adjectives are ro, this; rin, that; and wo, that or yonder.

ro is frequently written reo when the vowel or consonant preceding it is slender.

These words come after the nouns they qualify, and should the noun be followed by any qualifying adjectives, ro, rm or uo comes after the last qualifying adjective.

It is not enough to say rean ro or bean ron for "this man" or "that woman." The noun must



^{*} Also ra, reo, or re. t Also roin, rain or ran.

always be preceded by the article. "This man" is an reap ro; "these men," na rip reo; an bean ro, this woman; an bean rin, that woman.

196. The word wo is used when a person or thing is connected in some way with the person to whom you speak or write; an pean wo, that man (whom you have seen or heard of); an oroce wo, that particular night which you remember; or in pointing out an object at some distance, as—

An breiceann tú an báo úo? Do you see that boat?

Also with the vocative case, as-

A cloiginn wo tall aca gan reangard. Thou skull over there that art without tongue.

Indefinite Adjectives.

197. The chief indefinite adjectives are—aon, any; éigin, some, certain; eite, other; uite (after the noun), all, whole; and the phrase an bit, any at all; pé, whatever.

e.g., aon tá, any day; aon capatt, any horse; an tín uite, the whole country; ouine éizin, a certain person; an rean eite, the other man. An braca tú an teadan i n-áit an bit? Did you see the book anywhere? Ní fuit ainzead an bit azam, I have no money at all. Diteamac dod' ead an Siozaide, pé uairteact do bí aize nó ná naid. The Siogaidhe was a rascal, whatever nobility he had or hadn't.

198. The following words are nouns, and are fol-

lowed by a genitive or ve with the dative. As they are employed to translate English indefinite adjectives, we give them here:—

monan, much bruil monan riona asac, Have you much wine? (an) 10mao, a great deal, an 10mao am510, a great a great many deal of money beasan, little beagan anain, a little bread (an) 10manca, too much an iomanca uirse, too much water an-curo, rather much an-cuio ralainn, rather much salt ootain, enough, sufficient tá mo votain anáin agam, I have sufficient bread oinear (agur), as much) an oinear rin oin, so much (as), so much (as) gold cuillead anain, more bread cuilleso, more neape, plenty, abundance neape airsit, plenty of money curo, noinn or noinne, curo, noinn or noinne oin, a share, some some gold a tán, many, numerous tả a lần rean mbneát 1 n-Cininn. There are many fine men in Ireland

199. Translation of the word "Some."

(a) As has been said, curo, poinn or poinne is used to translate the word "some," but there are other words used, as braon, a drop, used for liquids; popnán

or commin, a fistfull, used for hay, straw, corn, potatoes, &c.; spanin, a grain, used for meal, flour, tea, &c.; punsinn, a penny, used for money. All these words take a genitive.

- (b) "Some of" followed by a noun is translated by cure oe followed by a dative case.
- (c) "Some of" followed by a singular pronoun is translated by curo oe; when followed by a plural pronoun, by curo as.

Cá bhaon bainne agam, Cá ghainín piúcha aige, Cuio de na reahaib, Cá cuio de pin otc, Cá cuio aca ro otc, I have some milk
He has some sugar
Some of the men
Some of that is bad
Some of these are bad

Translation of "Any."

200. (a) When "any" is used in connection with objects that are usually counted it is translated by aon with a singular noun; as aon fean, any man; bruit aon capatt agaz? or bruit capatt an bit agaz? Have you any horses?

The following phrases followed by a genitive case are used for "any" with objects that are not counted: aon frem, for bread, butter, meat, &c.: aon veon, for liquids; aon framín, for tea, sugar, &c.; bruit aon frem reola aige? Has he any meat?

(b) "Any of" followed by a noun is translated by aon ounce oe, for persons; aon ceann oe, for any kind of countable objects; aon green oe, &c., as

above. An oraca co son ourse of na respair? Pid you see any of the men? &c.

(c) "Any of" followed by a plural pronoun is translated by the phrases given in (b), but the preposition as is used instead of oe; as—

ni fuit aon ceann aca anorm. There is not any of them there.

ni paib aon ouine againn annro ceana. Not one of us was here before.

Distributive Adjectives.

201. Jac, each, every, as Jac LA, every day: unte (before the noun), every; the definite article, or Jac, must be used with unte; as an unte fean, every man. Di Jac unte ceann aca cinn. Every one of them was sick.

Şac μe, every other, every second; ξαό με υροσαί, every second word.

202. The Interrogative Adjectives.

ca or ce, what, as ce meao. what amount?

i.e., how much or how many?

ca h-air, what place? ca h-ainm atá ont? What is your name? ca h-uain, what hour? when?

In English we say "what a man," "what a start," &c., but in Irish we say "what the man," "what the start," as canoe an zere oo bannead re airc! What a fright he would give her! (lit. he would take out of her).

CHAPTER IV.

The Pronoun.

203. In Irish there are nine classes of Pronouns:—Personal, Reflexive, Prepositional, Relative, Demonstrative, Indefinite, Distributive, Interrogative, and Reciprocal pronouns. There are no Possessive pronouns in Irish.

204.		Personal Pronouns.		
		SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
	1st pers.	m é, I	μnn, we	
	2nd pers.	τά, thou	ონ, you	
	3rd pers.	∫ré, he }ri. she	riao, they	

Each of the above may take an emphatic increase, equivalent to the English suffix self.

205.

Emphatic Forms of the Personal Pronouns.

206. The word pein is added to the personal pronouns to form the reflexive pronouns; as no busilear me pein, I struck myself.

The reflexive pronouns are as follows:—

singular. Plural.

mé réin, myself

cú réin, thyself
é réin, himself
i réin, herself

207. The above are also used as emphatic pronouns; as, Cuadaman a baile, me rein agur é rein. Both he and I went home.

208. The Personal Pronouns have no declension.

It has already been shown that mo, oo, a, etc., which are usually given as the genitive cases of the personal pronouns, are not pronouns, but adjectives; because they can never be used without a noun.

The compounds of the pronouns with the preposition oo (to) are usually given as the dative cases of the personal pronouns; but azam, azac, etc., or the compounds with any of the other prepositions in par. 216, are just as much the datives of the personal pronouns as com, outc, &c. Hence the *Irish personal pronouns have no declension*.

209. The Personal Pronouns have however two forms:—The conjunctive and the disjunctive. The conjunctive forms are used only immediately after a verb as its subject; in all other positions the disjunctive forms must be used. The disjunctive forms are also used after the verb 17

The reason why these forms follow up is that the word immediately after up is predicate,* not subject; and it has just been stated that the conjunctive forms can be used only in immediate connection with a verb as its subject.

Conjunctive Pronouns.

210. mé, cú, ré, rí, rinn, rið, riao.

Disjunctive Pronouns.

211. mé,
$$\begin{cases} \nabla \hat{\mathbf{u}}, & \text{é,} & \text{i,} & \begin{cases} \text{pinn,} & \text{frib,} \\ \text{inn,} & \text{i.o.}, \end{cases}$$

In mé, τú, tú, the vowel is often shortened in Munster, when there is no stress or emphasis. It is shortened in mé, ré, é, riao and iao in Ulster, when there is no stress.

212. The disjunctive pronouns can be nominatives to verbs, but then they will be separated from the verbs: or they may be used in immediate connection with a verb as its object.

He is a man, ir rean é (nominative).

He was the king, voo'é an pi é (both nominatives).

This is smaller than that, ir tura é reo na é riúo (both nominatives).

I did not strike him, nion buaitear & (accusative).



[•] This statement will be explained later on. See par 589.

The Neuter Pronoun ead.

213. The pronoun ear is most frequently used in replying to a question asked with any part of the verb of followed by an indefinite predicate.* nac breat an tae? If ear 50 permin. Isn't it a fine day? It is indeed. An Sacranac e? It n-ear. Is he an Englishman? He is not.

This pronoun corresponds very much with the "unchangeable le" in French: as, Etes-vous sage? Oui, je le suis.

Whenever if in the question is followed by a pronoun, ear cannot be used in the reply. An é Commac an ní? 11í n-é. Is Cormac the king? He is not.

ir ear is usually contracted to 'rear (shah).

- 214. The phrase if ead ('read) is often used to refer to a clause going before; as, i 5Cacain na manc, if ead, codait me anein. In Westport, it was, that I slept last night. Thusin if mo an antocain (anacain), if ead, if some an cabain. When the distress is greatest, then it is that help is nearest.
- 215. In Munster when the predicate is an indefinite noun it is usual to turn the whole sentence into an eav-phrase; as—It is a fine day. Lá pneáξ, 'γεαν é. He is a priest. Sazant, 'γεαν é. He was a slave. Όλοη, νου 'εαν é. Elsewhere these sentences would be, ir tá bneáξ é; ir γαzant é; να ναοη é.



^{*} For "indefinite predicate" refer to par. 585.

Prepositional Pronouns

or

Pronominal Prepositions.

216. Fifteen of the simple prepositions combine with the disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns; and to these combinations is given the name of Prepositional Pronouns or Pronominal Prepositions.

All these compounds are very important. As five or six of them occur most frequently these will be given first, and the remainder, if so desired, may be left until the second reading of the book. The important combinations are those of the prepositions, as, at; an, on; oo, to; le, with; o, from; and cun, towards.

All the combinations may take an emphatic suffix. One example will be given.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

217. a_{5} , at or with.

1st pers. a_{5} am, at me a_{5} ainn, at us

2nd pers. $\begin{cases} a_{5}a_{5}, \\ a_{5}a_{5}, \end{cases}$ at thee $a_{5}a_{1}$ b, at you

3rd pers. $\begin{cases} a_{15}e, \text{ at him} \\ a_{101}, \text{ at her} \end{cases}$ aca, at them

218. The combinations of as with the emphatic suffixes.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

219.

an, on.

1st pers. onm, on me onainn, on us 2nd pers. onc, on thee onaid, on you 3rd pers. {aip, on him uipti, on her opta or oppa, on them

220.

vo, to.

1st pers. {com, to me vainn, to us 2nd pers. our, to thee vaoir, vir, to you

3rd pers. foo to him

voiv, to them

The initial o of these combinations and also those of oe are usually aspirated except after a word ending in one of the letters o. n. c. t. r.

221.

te, with.

tiom, with me tinn, with us teac, with thee tiv, with you terr, with him téi, with her teo, with them

222.

o, or us, t from.

uaim, from me uainn, from us thee uaib, uait, " you uaio,‡ " him them her UAICI

^{*} vam (= vom) is the literary and also the Ulster usage. The emphatic form is pompa, never pompa, except in Connaught.

⁺ ua is never used as a simple preposition.

¹ uari and uarioe (= uario) are also both literary and spoken forms.

SINGULAR. 223. cun, tow		PLURA	L.	
	•	cusainn,	towa	rds u s
cusat, }	,, thee	cuzaib,	**	y ou
ćui5e, ćuici,	,, him ,, her	Ċúca,	,,	\mathbf{them}
224.	poim, l	oe f ore.	•	
pomam, bef	ore me	pomainn,	be fore	us
pomat,) pomat,)	,, thee	pomaio,	"	you
poimir,)	,, him ,, her	pompa,	,,	\mathbf{them}
225. ar, out.				
aram, out of me		arainn, o	ut of 1	18
arat,}	thee	araib,	» J	you
ар, " , а ірсі, ",	him her	apta	,, t	hem
226.	1, 1n (or	ann) 1n.		•
10nnam, in	me	ionnainn	, in us	!
10nnac, "	thee	10nnaid	" yc	u
	him her	10nnca,	,, th	em
227.	oe, off	, from.		
viom, off or from me vinn, off or from us			m us	
oioc,	, thee	•	12	you
, 	, him	·	••	_
, m.	,, her	で ioზ,	,,	them

The 5 in these combinations is aspirated in Munster, except in cuize.

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SINGULAR.
                                  PLURAL.
  228.
                ré, ra, raoi, under.
       rum, under me
                              runn, under us
                  thee
       rúc.
                              rúib,
                                            you
                  him
       F401,
                              rúta,
                                            them
                  her
       rúiti,
  229.
                   roin, between.
  eaonam, between me
                           eaonainn,
                                        between us
  εασηας,
                    thee
                           eargnaib,
                                                 you
                    _{
m him}
                           eaconna)
  101p é,
                                               them
                    her
                         (or earona)
  roin i,
  230.
               tan, over or beyond.
tapm or topm, over me tapainn or topainn, over us
                   thee tanair ,, tonair,
tant or tont.
                                              ., you
                   him tappa , tappea, , them
tainir,
tainti or taintei, ..
  231.
                   the, through.
    cniom, through me
                            chinn, through us
    Chioc.
                   thee
                             chib,
                                             you
                   him
    chio,
                              chioca, ,,
                                            them
                   her
    chići,
 The z of these combinations is often aspirated.
                    um, about.
 232.
     umam, about me
                           umainn, about us
                  thee
     umac.
                            umaib,
                                           you
               ••
                  him
     uime,
               ••
                            umpa,
```

her

uimpi,

The Relative Pronoun.

In Old Irish there was a relative particle used after prepositions, and also a compound relative, but no simple relative in the nominative and accusative cases. The modern relative, in these cases, has arisen from a mistaken idea about certain particles. Before the imperfect, the past, and conditional the particle vo should, strictly speaking, be used. Certain irregular but often used verbs had also an unaccented first syllable, as atá, vo-beijum, vo-cím, &c. These particles and syllables being unaccented were generally dropped at the beginning, but retained in the body, of a sentence, where the relative naturally occurs. Hence they were erroneously regarded as relative pronouns, from analogy with other languages.

In Modern Irish the relative particle may or may not be used in the nominative and accusative cases.

Although this is the origin of the modern relative nevertheless it is used as a real relative in modern Irish. Whether we call this a a relative particle or a relative pronoun is a mere matter of choice. We prefer the first name.

There is a relative frequently met with in authors, viz.—noc, meaning who, which or that. This relative is not used in modern spoken Irish, in fact it seems never to have been used in the spoken language.

233. In modern Irish there are three simple relatives, the relative particles Δ and 50, which signify who, which, or that; and the negative particle 1Δ C, signifying who...not, which...not, that...not.

The relative go is not found in literature, but it is so generally used in the spoken dialect of Munster that it must be regarded as a true relative. So is not used as the subject or object of a verb, its use is confined to the prepositional (dative) case.

There are also the compound relatives pe, 510é, cibé, whoever, whosoever, whatever, and a (causing eclipsis) what, that which, all that.

284. The relative particle Δ expressed or understood, causes aspiration; but when preceded by a preposition or when it means "all that," it causes eclipsis, as do 50 and 11 Δ C.

An rean a buaitim. An rean a buaileann mé. An buacaill nac mbeio as obain.

An bean so bruil an bo AIC1.

A scaitim ran tá. Sin a paib ann.

Oo rsaire a naib láitheac.

An Ait 'na bruit ré.

The man whom I strike. The man who strikes me. The boy who will not be at work.

The woman who has the cow.

All that I spend per day. That's all that was there. All who were present burst out laughing.

The place in which he is.

235. The relative a when governed by a preposition, or when it means "all that," unites with no, the particle formerly used before the past tense of regular verbs, and becomes an. This an unites with the prepositions oo (to) and te (with) and becomes oan and ten.

An cartear ran ta.

An rean pan seattar mo The man to whom I pro-An reap an Seatlar mo

leaban vo. 🛦n crlac len buaileað é. All that I spent per day.

mised my book.

The rod with which he was beaten.

236. The pronouns cé and pé unite with no, but only with the verb 1r.

Cé 'r b'í réin? Who was she? pé 'r b'é réin? Whoever he was

237. Whenever the relative follows a superlative, or any phrase of the nature of a superlative, use Before the past tense of regular οά (= σe + Δ). verbs σά becomes σάμ (=σά + μο)

Déaprad duit sac uite nío dá bruit asam. I will give you everything that I have. Ir é rin an rean ir aoinde dán buait tiom mam. That is the tallest man that I have ever met. 1li mait teir aon nío va vougar vó. He does not like a single thing I gave him.

Demonstrative Pronouns.

238. The demonstrative pronouns are ro or reo, this; rin, rain, roin, ran, that; ruo or riuo, that (yonder). The secondary forms o or eo, in, and into are very common in colloquial usage in Connaught and Munster.

These secondary forms have sometimes been written jo, jun, etc.

1r rion rin. That is true. 'Sead ran. The matter is so.

Tá ré 50 h-aindeir agac,

cá ran

D'in i an aic.

Deipim-re supb iuo é an rean vib.

b' in é chíoc an rgéil. An in é an borsa? ni h-oi an Aic.

You have it in a mess, so you have.

That was the place.

I say that that is the man for you.

That was the end of the Is that the box? [affair. This is not the place.

b' in é an buacaitt cuise. That was the boy for it.

239. When we are referring to a definite object these pronouns take the form é reo, i reo, 140 ro, é rin, i rin, 140 rain, etc. This is especially the case when the English words "this," "that," etc., are equivalent to "this one," "that one," etc.

Cός é rin. 'Sé reo an rean. 'Oob' é pin Seagán. 'Si rin Unisio. Cé n-140 ro? An é riúo Comár.

Lift (or take) that. This is the man. That was John. That's Brigid. Who are these?

Is that (person yonder) Thomas?

ní h-é, 'ré riúo é, or No; that's he. riúo é é.

'Sé reo=ir é reo; 'Sé rin=ir é rin, etc.

In the spoken language the phrases if é fin é, if é fiúo é, etc. are very frequently contracted to fin é, fin i, fiúo é, etc.

Siúro é.

That is he.

Sιάο é ζαύς.

Yonder is Thade.

Sin é an carúp.

That's the hammer.

The forms pine, pini, pioé, proi, are also frequently used.

Stoe acá ojim.

That is what ails me.

Sini an áic.

That's the place.

Sidi annyo i.

Here she is here. That is she (or it).

Sini i. Sivé é.

This is he (or it.

240. Súo, yonder, qualifies a pronoun; whilst úo qualifies a noun: as, an reap úo, yonder man; a reap rúo, yonder woman's husband.

Indefinite Pronouns.

241. The principal indefinite pronouns are—cac (gen. caic), all, everybody, everyone else. unte, all.

éinne, éinneac (aoin'ne), anybody.

The following are nouns, but they are used to translate English indefinite pronouns, hence we give them here:—

ouine an bic, anyone at all. curo...curo eite, some...others beagán, a few. An ocame enne anno? Did anyone come here?

"Cia n-é vo váiv an machaiv?" an các. "Who is he who drowned the youths?" said all.

Cé meur uball agar? (or An 'mó uball agar?)

Cá beagán agam. How many apples have you?

I have a few.

thite tooib. To them all.

Oo-seibmio uite an bar. We all die.

To cuavan ro unte reada amant radite. All these went past like a shadow.

Distributive Pronouns.

242. The distributive pronouns are:— zac, each; zac unte, everyone; zac aon, each one, everyone; ceacταρ, either. 'Cuite is a contraction for zac unte.

11 put ceacταρ aca azam, I have not either of them.

Dioo a gior as sac son. Let each one know.

Oin bionn (bi) rioc Oé teir (pir) 5ac h-aon caittear a neact. For the anger of God is on each one who violates His law.

N.B.—The tendency in present-day usage is to employ distributive adjectives followed by appropriate nouns rather than distributive pronouns: e.g. Everyone went home. To cuaro sac unteroune a batte.

Interrogative Pronouns.

243. The chief interrogative pronouns are:—cia or ce, who, which; cao, cheuo, or caioe, what; ce or ceupo (cia puo), what; cia teir, whose; cia aca (cioca), which of them.ce (or cia) agaib, which of you.

Cé ninne é rin? Who did that? CAO ATA ASAT? What have you? Cao é rin agac? What is that you have? Cardé atá ont? What ails you? Car ca one? Cé aca ir reann? Which of them is the better? Cloca ir reann? Which or what man? Cia an rean? Which men? Cia na rin? Cia an tuac? What price?

Caroe an purp e rin? What is that?
Ce terr an tearan? Whose is the book?

244. Notice in the last sentence the peculiar position of the words. The interrogative pronoun always comes first in an Irish sentence, even when it is governed by a preposition in English. In Irish we do not say "With whom (is) the book?" but "Who with him (is) the book?"

Further examples of the same construction:-

Cé teir é ro?

Whose is this?

Cé aige an leaban?

Who has the book?

A Seasain, ociocraio cú 50 Saillim? Cao cuise? John, will you come to Galway? What for?

Cia teir bruit cu cormait?

Whom are you like?

We may also say, Cia bruit cu cormait teir?

Notice that the adjective cormant, like, takes te, with; not oo, to.

245. N.B.—The interrogative pronouns are always nominative case in an Irish sentence. In such a sentence as, Cia buaiteadap? Whom did they strike? cia is nominative case to ir understood, whilst the suppressed relative is the object of buaiteadap. In cia teir, cao cuize, &c., teir and cuize are prepositional pronouns, not simple prepositions.

Reciprocal Pronoun.

246. The reciprocal pronoun in Irish is a ceite,* meaning each other, one another. Cuip from a tama i tama is a ceite, Finn put their hands in the hands of one another. On reap Oreap agur Orapmuro te n-a ceite. Oscar and Diarmuid separated from each other (lit. "separated with each other"). Dualteadan a ceite. They struck each other.

^{*} Literally, his fellow.

Phrases containing the Reciprocal Pronoun.

o ceite,* from each other, separated or asunder. te ceite,† together.

man a ceite, like each other, alike.

τηί n-a céite, confused, without any order.

oinead te ceite, each as much as the other.

I notato a ceite, one after the other, in succession.

ar sac rárac i n-a céite, out of one desert into another

CHAPTER V.

THE YERB.

Conjugations.

247. In Irish there are two conjugations of regular verbs. They are distinguished by the formation of the future stem. All verbs of the first conjugation form the first person singular of the future simple in -rao or -reao, whilst verbs of the second conjugation form the same part in -ocao or -eocao.



^{*} ó céile, = ó n-a céile.

t le céile, = le n-a céile. This last form is often used and explains the aspiration in le céile

Forms of Conjugation.

- 248. Every Irish verb, with the single exception of 17, has three forms of conjugation:—The Synthetic, the Analytic, and the Autonomous.
- 249. The synthetic, or pronominal form, is that in which the persons are expressed by means of terminations or inflections. All the persons, singular and plural, with the single exception of the third person singular, have synthetic forms in practically every tense. The third person singular can never have its nominative contained in the verb-ending or termination.

The following example is the present tense synthetic form of the verb mot, praise:—

motam I praise. motamn, thou praisest. motann re, he praises. motano, they praise.

250. In the analytic form of conjugation the persons are not expressed by inflection; the form of the verb remains the same throughout the tense and the persons are expressed by the pronouns placed after the verb. The form of the verb in the third person singular of the above example is the form the verb has in the analytic form of the present tense.

The analytic form in every tense has identically the same form as the third person singular of that tense.

N.B.—The analytic form is generally employed in asking questions.

The following is the analytic form of the present tense of mot:—

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

motann cú, thou praisest. motann ré, he praises.

motann rinn, we praise. motann rio, you praise. motann riao, they praise

The analytic form is used in all the tenses, but in some of the tenses it is rarely, if ever, found in some of the persons: for instance, it is not found in the first person singular above. As the analytic form presents no difficulty, it will not be given in the regular table of conjugations.

251. We are indebted to the Rev. Peter O'Leary, P.P., for the following explanation of the Autonomous Form of conjugation:—

"This third form—the Autonomous—has every one of the moods and tenses, but in each tense it has only one person, and that person is only implied. It is really a personality, but it is not a specific personality. It is only a general, undefined personality.

"This third form of an Irish verb has some very unique powers. . . . I shall illustrate one. An English verb cannot of itself make complete sense alone; this form of an Irish verb can. For instance, 'Dualtean' is a complete sentence. It means, 'A beating is being administered,' or, 'Somebody is striking.' Irish grammarians have imagined that this

form of the verb is passive voice. No, it is not passive voice, for it has a passive of its own; and, again, all intransitive verbs (even the verb ca) possesses this form of conjugation. The nearest equivalents in sense and use to this Irish form are the German 'mann' and the French 'on' with the third person singular of the verb."—Gaelic Journal.

The usual translation of the French phrase "on dit" is, "It is said." "Is said" is certainly passive voice in English, but it does not follow that "dit" is passive voice in French. The same remark holds with regard to the Irish phrase "buaittean an 5a0an," which is usually translated, "The dog is struck." buaittean is not passive voice; it is active voice, autonomous form, and 5a0an is its object in the accusative case. The literal translation of the phrase is, "Somebody strikes the dog." The passive voice of buaittean, someone strikes, is tatan buaitte, someone is struck.

252. As this is the first grammar that has adopted the term "Autonomous form of the Verb," we think it advisable to state that the form of the verb which we give as the Autonomous form is given in other Irish grammars as the passive voice. A fuller treatment of the Autonomous Verb will be found at the end of the book, where we endeavour to show that in modern Irish, at least, this form of the verb is active voice. The name by which this form of the verb ought to be called is not merely a matter of terms, for on it de-

pends the case of the following noun or pronoun: i.e., whether such noun or pronoun is the subject or object of the verb.

As all Irish scholars have not accepted the Autonomous form of the verb, since it appears that formerly, at least, the verb was not Autonomous, being inflected for the plural number, it has been suggested that both names be retained for the present. In the first edition of this grammar the term "Indefinite" was given to this form, but as the name "Autonomous," which means possessing the power of self government, is far more expressive, it has been adopted instead of "Indefinite."

As the Autonomous form has only one inflection for each tense, this inflection is given immediately after each tense in the tables of conjugation.

MOODS AND TENSES.

253. Verbs have three moods, the Imperative, the Indicative, and the Subjunctive.

Some grammars add a fourth mood, the Conditional; and some omit the Subjunctive. The Conditional form, however, is always either Indicative or Subjunctive in meaning, and is here classed as a tense under the Indicative Mood.

The Imperative has only one tense, the Present. Its use corresponds to that of the Imperative in English.

The Indicative Mood has five tenses, the Present, the Imperfect, the Past, the Future, and the Conditional.

The **Present Tense** corresponds to the English Present, and like it usually denotes habitual action.

The so-called Consuetudinal or Habitual Present—i.c., the third person singular ending in -ann—in no way differs from the other parts of the Present in regard to time. The verb bi, however, has a distinct Present, bim, denoting habitual action. In English the Present—e.g., I write—generally denotes habitual action. Present action is usually signified by a compound tense, I am writing. So in Irish the Present, reprodum, denotes habitual action, and present action is denoted by the compound tense, taim as reproduce. However, as in English, the Present Tense of certain verbs, especially those relating to the senses or the mind, denote present as well as habitual action—e.g., clumm, I hear; energy, I believe.

The Imperfect Tense is also called the *Habitual* or *Consuetudinal Past*. It denotes habitual action in past time; as, no panionann, *I used to write*.

The Past Tense is also called the Perfect and the Preterite. It corresponds to the Past Tense in English; as, no regionar, I wrote.

Continuous action in past time is denoted by a compound tense, as in English—e.g., so bior as repiodas, I was writing.

The Future Tense corresponds to the Future in English: as ponourae, I shall write.

The Conditional corresponds to the Compound Tense with "should" or "would" in English: as no remotes, thou wouldst write.

The Conditional is also called the **Secondary Future**, because it denotes a future act regarded in the past: as, Aoudant ré 50 repiotrat ré. He said that he would write.

In the Subjunctive Mood there are only two Tenses, the Present and the Past. This mood is used principally to express a wish, and also after certain conjunctions. See par. 550, &c.

Active Voice, Ordinary Form.

- 254. Each Tense has the following forms:-
- 1. The action is merely stated, as buaiteann Seasan an clap, John strikes the table.
- 2. The action is represented as in progress, as— CA Seatan at bualard an claip, John is striking the table.
- 8. The action as represented as about to happen τα Seaţan { cum } αη τίδη το υπαίαο, John is about (is going) to strike the table.
- 4. The action is represented as completed, as— Cá Seatán v'éir an cláin vo vualav, John has just struck the table.

Active Yoice, Autonomous Form.

- 255. Each Tense has the following forms, corresponding exactly to those given in the preceding paragraph.
 - Ouaitean an ctan, Someone strikes the table.

- 2. Tátan az bualad an cláin, Someone is striking the table.
- 3. Cátan { cum } an cláin vo vualav, Someone is about to strike the table.
- 4. Catan o'eir an clain oo bualao, Someone has just struck the table.

256. Passive Yoice, Ordinary Form.

- 1. (This form is supplied by the Autonomous Active.)
- 2. Tá an cláp vá (or \$\)á) vualav, The table is being struck.
- 8. Tá an cláp { cum } a buaite,
 The table is about to be struck.
- 4. Tá an clán buaitce,
 The table has (just) been struck.

257. Passive Yoice, Autonomous Form.

- 1. Tátan buaitte, Someone is struck.
- Cátap ré buatab.
 Someone is being struck.
- 3. Catan { cum an ti best buaste, Someone is about to be struck
- 4. Cátan buailte, Someone has (just) been struck

258. The Principal Parts of an Irish Yerb are-

- (1) The 2nd sing. of the Imperative Mood.
- (2) The 1st sing. of the Future Simple.
- (3) The Past Participle (also called the Verbal Adjective).
 - (4) The Verbal Noun.
- (a) The Imperative 2nd. pers. sing. gives the stem of the verb from which most of the other tenses and persons are formed.
- (b) The **Future** tells to what conjugation (first or second) the verb belongs, and gives the stem for the Conditional.
- (c) The **Past Participle** shows whether varphi is aspirated or unaspirated in the following persons, which are formed from the past participle—i.e.:

Present, 2nd plural
Imperfect, 2nd singular.

Autonomous.

Imperative, Present, and Imperfect.

Verbal noun.

Gen. sing. and nom. plural.

(d) With the Yerbal Noun are formed the compound tenses.

The four following types include all verbs belonging to the first conjugation:—

259.	Principal	Parts.
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Туре.	Imper.	Future.	P. Participle.	Verbal Noun.	Meaning
1.	mol	molpao	molta	molati	praise
2.	neub	neubrao	neubta	peubad	burst or tear
3.	buail	buailpear	buailce	oalaud	strike
4.	toih	roipread	róinte	բ óւրւ ՝ էւո	help, succour

N.B.—No notice need be taken of the variation in form of verbal nouns, as they cannot be reduced to any rule, but must be learned for each verb. The ending at or each is that most frequently found, but there are numerous other endings. (See pars. 315 and 316).

260. (1) and (2) are the types for all verbs of the first conjugation whose stem ends in a broad consonant; whilst (3) and (4) are the types for the verbs of the same conjugation whose stem ends in a slender consonant.

As the conjugations of types (2) and (4) are identical with those of types (1) and (3) respectively, except the aspiration of the τ in the endings mentioned in par. 258 (c), we do not think it necessary to conjugate in full the four types. We shall give the forms in modern use of the verbs mot and buat, and then give a rule which regulates the aspiration of τ in the Past Participle. (See par. 282).

FIRST CONJUGATION.

In the following table the forms marked with an asterisk are not generally used in the analytic form. The forms in square brackets were used in early modern Irish, and are frequently met with in books. Alternative terminations are given in round brackets.

261.	IMPERATIVE	MOOD.
	SINGULAR.	

1st. — buait, strike thou

Brd. motar re, let him praise buaitear re

PLURAL.

1. {motamir (-amuir) } let us {buaitimir (eamuir) } motam } praise buaiteam

2. motaro, praise (you) buaitro

3. {motaroir, let them praise buaitroir

Autonomous.

moltan

buailcean

The negative particle for this mood is na.

262. INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present Tense.

SING. 1.*motam, I praise	*buaitim, I strike
2. molaip, &c.	buailip
3. molanna ré	buaileann ^c r é
PLUR. 1. motaimio (amuit	o) buailimio (-imio)
2 . molann rib b	buaileann riö d
3. molaro	buaitro
a[molaro] b[moltao1]	fbuailin d[buailtí]

Autonomous. Molean
Relative form. Molar
Negative. 11 molam. I do not n

Negative. 11i motam, I do not praise.

,, ni buaitm, You do not strike.

Interrogative. An motann ré? Does he praise?

" An mouaitim? Do I strike?

Neg. Interrog. nac motaro? Do they not praise?

nać mbuaileann ré? Does he not strike?

263. Imperfect Tense.

SING. 1.*motainn, I used to praise "buaitinn

2.*motra, &c. *buaitrea

3. motat re buaileat re

PLUR. 1. motaimir (-amuir) buaitimir(or imir)

2. motad rib buaitead rib

molaroir 8. Suarlioir

Autonomous. Motcaoi, Duaitci.

Negative. 11 motann, I used not praise.

,, ni buaiteat re, He used not strike.

Interrogative. An motea? Used you praise?

" An moualtroir? Used they strike?

Neg. Interrog. nac motann? Used I not praise?

nac mouaitinn? Used I not strike?

264. Past Tense.

SING. 1. motar, I praised busitear

2. molair buailir

8. mot re busit re

PLUR. 1. motaman

2. molaban

3. molaban

Autonomous, molati

Negative. nion motar,

Nion buail re,

Interrogative. An motair?

An buailear?

Neg. Interrog. Han mot re?

Mán buaileaman?

buaileaman

buaileaban

buaileavan buailead

I did not praise.

He did not strike.

Did you praise?

Did I strike?

Did he not praise? Did we not strike?

Future Tense. 265.

SING. 1. motrao, I shall praise

2. motrain, thou wilt praise buaitrin

8. motraio re, &c.

PLUR. 1. molfaimio (-amuio)

2. molpaid riba

3. molpaio

Relative form. motrar

Autonomous. Molpano Negative.

ni buailpio re,

Interrogative. An motraro ré?

An mbuailreao?

Neg. Interrog. Hac motpain?

nac moualtro?

ni molrao,

buailread

buailrio ré

buailfimio (imio)

buailfit ribb

buailfio

buailrear

buailreand

I shall not praise.

He will not strike.

Will he praise?

Shall I strike?

Will you not praise?

Will they not strike?

a[molpaiti] [molfaroean]

b[buailpiti] d[buailproean]

Conditional or Secondary Future. 266.

SING. 1. motrainn, I would praise buaitrinn

2. motra buailreá

buailread re 3. molpad re

buailfimir (fimir) PLUR. 1. molpaimir (ramuir)

> buailfead rib 2. molpad mb

buailfioir

Autonomous. Molpai buailfi

I would not praise. ni molpainn, Negative.

You would not strike ni buailrea,

Would you praise? Interrogative. An molpa,

An mousitrest re, Would he strike? Neg. Interrog. nac motpat re? Would he not praise?

nac mountrimir? Would we not strike?

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present Tense. 267.

buailead RING. 1. molato

> 2. molain buailin buaitio re

3. motaro ré buailimio (-imio)

PLUR. 1. molaimio (-amuio)

שמין סיווומוט 2. molaro piba

DUAILIO 8. molaro

Autonomous. molcan buailcean

The negative particle is nan, which always aspirates when possible.

4[moltaon]

b[buailei]



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Past Tense.

SING. 1. motainn	Duaitinn
2. molta	buailtea
8. molao ré	buaitead re
PLUR. 1. motaimir (amuir)	buailimip (-imip)
2. molat mt	buaileat pit
8. molardir moladadir	buailioip
Autonomous. motcaoi	buailtí
Yerbal Noun. motato	b uata0
Yerbal Adj. motes	buailce

NOTES ON THE MOODS AND TENSES.

The Present Tenses.

269. The Present Tense is always formed by adding aim, ain, &c., to the stem when the last vowel is broad; if the last vowel is slender add im, in, eann, &c. The last syllable of the first person plural is often pronounced rapidly—e.g., motamuro (mul'-a-mwid), cperoimio (k'red'imid); but in the South of Ireland this syllable is lengthened, motamio (mul'-a-meed), cperoimio (k'red'-imeed). Verbs of more than one syllable ending in 15 add mio, not imio, in the first person plural of this tense.

270. In Ulster the ending muro of the first person plural is very often separated from the verb, and used instead of the pronoun rinn as Connaic muro é. We saw him; Connaic ré muro. He saw us. On no account should this corruption be imitated by the student.

- 271. The old form of the third person singular ended in are or re, and the analytic forms found in books, and sometimes in the northern dialect, are got from this form: as motare runn, we praise.
- 272. The analytic form is not usually found in the first person singular of this tense, nor is the synthetic form often used in the second person plural.

The Imperfect Tense.

273. The initial consonant of this tense is usually aspirated in the active voice, when possible.

The termination aco or each in the 3rd sing. of this tense, as also in the Imperative and Conditional, is pronounced ac, or am.

- 274. When none of the particles ni, an, nac, &c., precede the Imperfect Tense, oo may be used before it. This oo may be omitted except when the verb begins with a vowel or r. The compound particles, nion, an, nan, sun, can, &c., can never be used with the Imperfect Tense.
- 275. Whenever the word "would" is used in English to describe what used to take place, the Imperfect Tense, not the Conditional, is used in Irish, as—

 He would often say to me. 1r minic averness retiom.

The Past Tense.

276. In the Past Tense active voice the initial consonant of the verb is aspirated. The remark which

has just been made with regard to the use of vobefore the Imperfect Tense applies also to the Past Tense.

In the Autonomous form oo does not aspirate, but prefixes n to vowels.

277. With the exception of the aspiration of the initial consonant, the third person singular of this tense is exactly the same as the second person singular of the Imperative (i.e., the stem of the verb).

278. The particle formerly used before the Past Tense was po. It is now no longer used by itself, but it occurs in combination with other particles.

The most important of these compounds are:-

- (1) Ap, whether (an + po). Apoualtre? Did he strike?
- (2) Συρ, that (50+ρο). Oein ré zun buaitear é. He says that I struck him.
- (3) Cap, where (ca+po). Cap ceanning an capatt?
 Where did you buy the horse?
- 4) Munap, unless (muna Munap buait ré, unless +no). he struck.
- (5) Níon, not (ní+μο).
 Níon chero ré. He did not believe.
- (6) Năp or năcap, whether Năp cpero ré? Did he not ... not. believe?

- (7) Oan, to whom (oo, to + An rean oan seattar mo teadan. The man to whom 1 promised my book.
- (8) Lep, by or with which (te+a+no). The stick with which they beat him (or he was beaten).
- 279. The compounds of no aspirate. These compounds are used with the Past Tense of all verbs except the following:—naiv, was; cus, gave or brought; nus, bore; raca, saw; caims, came; ruain, found, got; veacaro, went; veanna, made or did.

The compounds of no are used in some places before tug and taining.

N.B.—Deacaro and veánna are used instead of cuaro and ninne after negative and interrogative particles. Instead of veacaro and veánna, cuaro and vein (vin) are used in Munster.

The Future Tense and Conditional.

280. All the inflections of the Future and Conditional in the first conjugation begin with the letter r, which in the spoken language is generally pronounced like "h." This "h" sound combines with the letters b. o and s (whenever the stem ends in these) changing them in sound into p, c, c, respectively.

cheioreao is usually pronounced k'ret'-udh rásrao ,, ,, fau'-kudh rshíobrao ,, ,, shgree-pudh

- N.B.—r is sounded in the second sing. Conditional active and in the Autonomous form
- **281.** The particle **500**, causing aspiration, may be used before the Conditional when no other particle precedes it.

Note that the terminations of the Imperative Mood, the Imperfect Tense, and the Conditional are almost the same, excepting the letter r of the latter.

Rule for the Aspiration of \mathcal{T} of Past Participles. 282. The \mathcal{T} of the past participle is generally aspirated except after the letters \mathcal{D} , \mathcal{T} , and (in verbs of one syllable) $\dot{\mathcal{T}}$.

There is a great tendency in the spoken language not to aspirate the c in all verb inflexions after consonants: e.g., cusca, cuscap, ocupceap, etc.

- 283. This participle cannot be used like the English participle to express action. He was praised is generally motor é; very seldom vi ré motor. The Irish participle has always the force of an adjective denoting the complete state, never the force of an action in progress.
- 284. After in the Past Participle denotes what is proper or necessary: as, ni motes out é. He is not to be praised by you. This form, called the Participle of Necessity, should probably be regarded as distinct

from the ordinary past participle, as it may occur in verbs which have no past participle, e.g.:—

"Ir vermin nac bruit vuine nac beitce vo an coimeau onm." "It is certain that there is no person who will not have to be on his guard against me." (Letter of Sean O neitt, 1561.) "Cuizcean ar an rzeut, nac beitce vo neac out i n-eurocar." It may hence be learned that it is not proper for anyone to fall into despair. It beitce as a reunau (or simply, ni reunca). It must not be denied. Here beitce is the Participle of Necessity of the verb vi-

285. Derivative Participles.

10n-molta	1n-peubta	10n-ซua1l⊤e	ion-բծորեe
ro-molta	ro-neubta	ro-buaitce	ro-rointe
oo-molca	oo-neubta	oo-buailee	უი-ჭბიოċe

286. The prefix ion- or in- denotes what is proper or fit to be done: as ion-motes, fit to be praised, deserving of praise.

The prefix ro-denotes what is possible or easy to do: as ro-neubta, capable of being burst, easy to burst.

- 287. The prefix oo-denotes what is impossible or difficult to do: as oo-busines, incapable of being struck, hard to strike.
- 288. These derivative participles seem to be formed rather from the genitive of the verbal noun than from the participle: as ratal, finding.

ro-tatala, easily found. oo-tatala, hard to find.

289.	Declension of Yerbal Noun.		
	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
Nom. Acc.	motari	molta	
$\mathbf{Gen.}$	moles	molad (molts)	
Dat.	molato	moltaib	
Nom.	bustat	buailte ,	
Gen.	buaile	bualað (buailee)	
Dat.	bualað	อ นผาไ C 1ช้	

290. Many verbal nouns are seldom or never used in the plural. As a rule the genitive singular of the verbal noun is identical in form with the past participle; but many verbal nouns are declined like ordinary nouns: nearly all those ending in act, all, and amain belong to the 3rd declension—e.g., 5aball, act of taking; gen., 5aball pit, running; gen. peata: teanamain, act of following; gen. teanama: riubal, act or walking; gen. riuball: rap, act of growing; gen. raip, &c.

SECOND CONJUGATION.

291. The second conjugation comprises two classes of verbs—(1) derived verbs in 15 or u15; and (2) syncopated verbs.

292. Syncopated yerbs are those in which the vowel in the final syllable of the stem is omitted when any termination commencing with a vowel is added: as tabain. speak; tabnaım (not tabainim), I speak. Yerbs of more than one syllable whose stem ends in it, in, in. ir, ing, belong to this class

VERBS IN 1方 (-u1方).

Principal Parts. 293.

Type. Imper 1. bailis baileócaro bailiste bailiusao gather 2. ceannuit ceannocao ceannuitte ceannac buy 294. Except in the Future and Conditional, all verbs in 15 and u15 are conjugated like buait (first conjugation), except that the z is aspirated in all terminations beginning with that letter. It is, therefore, necessary to give only the Future and Conditional in full.

Past Participle.

Future. 295. SINGULAR.

1. baiteócao, I shall gather. ceannocao, I shall buy

2. baileocain. ceannocain.

3. baileócaió ré, ceannocaro re.

PLURAT.

1. baileodaimío ceannáčaimío (-camuio). (-camuro). 2. baileocaro rib, ceannocaro rib.

ceannácaio. 3. baileocaio.

Relative. baileocar. ceannocar. Autonomous. baileoctan ceannóctan.

296.

Conditional.

SINGULAR.

1. baileócainn, I would gather.

ceannocainn.

2. baileóctá.

čeannočta.

3. baileócaó ré.

ceannocao ré.

PLURAL.

1. baiteocaimír (-amuir)

ceannocaimir (-amuir).

2. baiteódað rib,

čeannočao mb.

3. (baileocaroir

(ceannocaroir

Autonomous. baileóctaí

ceannoctai

297. In early modern usage, when the stem ended in -ui; preceded by v, n, τ, t, or γ, these consonants were usually attenuated in the Future and Conditional: as άμουι; raise, future άιμοεόἀτο; γαινίς, soil, future γαιτεόἀτο; but nowadays άμοόἀτο, γαιόἀτο, &c., are the forms used.

Syncopated Verbs.

298. The personal endings of syncopated verbs vary somewhat according as the *consonant commencing* the last syllable of the stem is broad or slender.

Type (1). Stems in which the last syllable commences with a broad consonant,* as ruasair (rosair), proclaim.

Type (2). Stems in which the last syllable commences with a slender consonant, as coisit, spare.

^{*} A few of these take to in past participle; as orgail, open, orgailte; ceangail, bind, ceangailte. The parts of these verbs [258 c.] which are formed from the past participle will, of course, have slender terminations. e.g., v'orgailteá, you used to open.

299. In early modern usage the Future is formed by lengthening the vowel sound of the last syllable of the stem from at or 1 to e6. In the case of Type 1 the broad consonant which commences the final syllable of the stem must be made slender. Examples: 1nn1p, 1nneopao, I shall tell; víb1p, víbeopaip, you will banish; 1m1p, 1meopaiv pé, he will play; co151t, co15eotav, I shall spare; puasaip, puaseopaiv, they will proclaim; v'ruaseopaiv pé, he would proclaim; covait, co10eotav, I shall sleep; co10eotain, I would sleep.

300. In the present-day usage the Future stem is formed as if the verb ended in 15 or u15: by adding -oc in Type 1 and -eoc in Type 2.

301. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. V. Noun.

Type (1). τυαξαιρ τυαξρόδαο τυαξαρία τυαξρα(6)

802.

Type (2). coisit coistecar coisite coisite

803. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

BING.	1. —	
	2. puazaip, proclaim	coisit, spare
	8. ruaspad ré	coιζίεΔο ré
PLUR.	1. puaspaimir	coistimir
	2. ruaspard	coistio
	8. ruazpaidir (-adaoir)	coiztioir
Auto	nomous. ruasančan	COISILEEAN

INDICATIVE MOOD.

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304.	Present Ter	186.
sing. 1.	ruagnaim, I proclaim	coistim, I spare
	ruaspain	coizlip
	ruaspann rea	coisteanne ré
	ruaspaimio	coistimio
	ruaspann ribb	coisteann ribd
	ruaznaio	coistio
Relative	. fuaspar	coislear
	nous. ruazantan	COIZILCEAP
305.	Imperfect T	ense.
sing. 1.	o'tuaznainn	coistinn
2.	o'tuasanta	ç0121fceq
3.	o'fuaspad ré	coistead re
	o'ruaspaimir	coistimir
2.	o'fuaspao pib	coigleso mo
3.	o'tuazpaidir (-daoir)	coistioir
Autono	mous. puasantaoi	coisilei
306.	Past Tens	38.
SING. 1.	o'fuaghar	coiglear
2.	o'tuaspair	coislip
8	. D'tuasaip ré	coisil ré
PLUR. 1	. D'fuszpamap	coisleamap
2	. D'fuaspabap	coizleadan
8	. o'tuaspadap	Coisleadan
Autono	nous. puaspad	coistead
	naro] b[ruazantaon]	[coistro] [coisitei]

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307. Future Ten	
1. γυαξρόζατο	coigleodao
2. ruaspocain	coisteocain
3. τυαξηδόλο τέ	coisteocaro re
PLURAL.	
1. ruaspocaimio	coizleócaimio
2. γυαζησέωτο γιδ	coisteócaió pib
3. γυαζηδέλιτο	coizleócaio
Relative Form. puaspocar	consteccar
Autonomous. ruaspoctap	coizleóctap
308. Conditions	ıl.
sing. 1. o'fuaspócainn	coisteocainn
2. o'tuaspóctá	coisteóctá
3. o'ruazpócaó r é	coisteócao re
PLUR. 1. o'puaspocaimip	coisteocaimir
2. σ' του τροσανός το	coizleócao pib
8. ο' τυαξποσαισίτ	constectanoir
Autonomous. ruaspočtai	coisteoctai
309. SUBJUNCTIVE	MOOD.
Present Te	nse.
BING. 1. ruaspao	coistead
2. ruaspaip	coizlip
8. ruaspaió ré	coistin re
PLUR, 1. ruaspaimio	coizlimio
2. ruaspaid rib	coistio rin
3. ruagnato	c015110

Autonomous. puasancan

coisiltean

310.	Past Tense	в.
SING. 1.	cuaspainn	coistinn
	ruazanta	coizilteá
3.	ruazpad ré	coistead ré
PLUR. 1.	ruaspaimir	coistimir
2.	ruaspad rib	coistead rib
3.	ruaspaidir	coiztioir
Autonom	ous, ruazantaoi	COIZILCÍ
311. Pa	ast Participle and Par	ticiple of Necessity.
	ruazanta	coigilte
812.	Compound Part	iciples.
	10n-tuazanta	10n-coizitce
	ro-tuazanta	ŗ o-ċoɪჯɪს ce
	oo-tuazanta	oo-coisite
3 13.	Yerbal Nou	ins.
27016	SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
NOM.	ruaspa(v) (ruasaipe)	ruazanta
GEN.	ruazanta	ruaspa(t) (ruasapta)
DAT.	tnazva(4) (tnazaine)	ruazantaib
NOM. }	coizite	_
GEN.	coisite	
DAT.	coizite	

314. In stems of Type (2) ending in n, the Participle is usually in the form earth, not 17th, as vibin, banish: vibearth, banished; 1mm, play; 1mearth, played.

The endings formed on the participle [see par. 258 c.] follow this change, e.g., Imperfect 2nd singular, oibeantá; Present Auton., oibeantán. &c.

315. General Rules for the formation of Yerbal

(a) As a general rule verbs of the first conjugation form their verbal noun in so, if the final consonant of the stem be broad; in eso, if it be slender, as—

oún, shut	OúnaO
mill, destroy	milleað
mot, praise	mola o
téi s , read	léiteat.

(b) When the last vowel of the stem is preceded by a broad vowel, the 1 is usually dropped in the formation of the verbal noun, as—

buait, strike	bualað
ooi s , burn	ዕ ልቷልዕ
zoin, wound	Zonad
bnúis, bruise	bnú≾₄ờ

The i is not dropped in-

caoin, lament	caoinea ó
rzaoit, loose	rzaoilead
rmuain, reflect	rmuaineat

(c) Verbs of the second conjugation ending in in, it or in generally form their verbal noun by adding t, as—

οίσιη, banish	ગાવો
corain, defend	coraint (cornam)
tabain, speak	labaipt
coigit, spare	coigite

- (d) Derived verbs ending in uit form their verbal noun by dropping the i and adding at; as, anouit, raise, anoutat.
- (e) Derived verbs in 15 form their verbal noun by inserting u between the 1 and 5 and then adding ao; as mini5, explain, miniu5ao.
- 316. There are, however, many exceptions to the above rules. The following classification of the modes of forming the verbal noun will be useful.
- (a) Some verbs have their verbal noun like the stem, e.g., ráγ, grow; ót, drink; μιτ, run; rnám, swim, &c.
- (b) Some verbs form their verbal noun by dropping of the stem, e.g., cuin, put or send, cun; coirs, check, cors; rsun, cease, rsun; suil, weep, sul, &c.
- (c) Some verbs add amain or eamain to the stem to form their verbal noun, e.g., caitt, lose, caitteainain(c); chero, believe, cheroeamain(c); ran, stay, ranamain(c), tean, follow, teanamain(c); ran, separate, ranamain(c), &c.

In the spoken language τ is usually added to the classical termination samen.

(d) A few add an or ean for the verbal noun, e.g., teas, knock down, teasan; téis, let or permit, téisean: theis, abandon, theisean; teits, throw or cast, teitsean.

- (e) A few add am or eam, e.g., rear, stand, rearam; cant, spend, consume, carteam; reun, do or make, reunam (or reunar); reit, wait, reiteam.
- (f) A small number end in áit or ţait, as ʒau, take, ʒauait; raţ, find, raţait; raţ, leave, raţait; reau, whistle, reauţait.

A fairly full list of irregular verbal nouns is given in Appendix V.

IRREGULAR VERBS.

317. In Old and Middle Irish the conjugation of verbs was very complex, but by degrees the varieties of conjugations became fewer, and nearly all verbs came to be conjugated in the same way. At the commencement of the modern period (i.e., about the end of the sixteenth century) about fifteen verbs in common use retained their old forms. These are now classed as irregular. Excepting occasional survivals of older forms, all the other verbs had by this time become regular; so that from the stem of the verb it was possible in nearly every instance to tell all its forms except the verbal noun.

During the modern period even the irregular verbs have, through the operation of analogy, shown a tendency to adopt the forms of the modern regular conjugations.

TAIM, I AM.

318. The correct spelling of this verb is undoubtedly aciam, but long since it has lost its initial a, except when it occurs in the middle of a sentence, where it usually has a relative force. Some persons, by confounding this initial a, which really belongs to the verb, with the modern relative particle a, write the a separated from the tá: as a tá instead of acá.

IMPERATIVE MOOD

819.

bimir, let us be

vi, be thou

bioro, let you be

bíoo ré, let him be

bivir. let them be

Autonomous, bicean.

The negative particle is ná.

All the persons, except the 2nd sing., are often written as if formed from the spurious stem bio: e.g., bioeao ré.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

320.

Present Tense-Absolute.

SYNTHETIC FORM.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

cáim, I am

cáimio, we are

cáin,* thou art

tá rib, tátaoi, you are

cá ré, he is

cáro, they are

Autonomous, tátap

Present Tense (Analytic Form).

tá mé, I am

cá rinn, we are

cá cú, thou art

cá rib, you are

cá ré, he is

cá riao, they are

821. Present Tense—Dependent.

Fuilim

ruilmio

ruilip

ruit mo

ruit re

ruitio

Autonomous, pulteap.

^{*} The early modern form, viz., tao1, is still used in Munster, e.g., Cionnup tao1? (or Cionnup tao1'n tú?) How are you!

Negatively.	Interrogatively.	Neg. Interrog
I am not, &c.	Am I, &c.	Am I not, &c.
ni fuilim	an bruitim	nac ofuilim
ո ւ բա ւեւր	an Bruilip	ոձծ Ծբաւելը
ni tuil ré	an bruil ré	nac bruil ré
ni tuilmio	ar bruilmio	nac bruilmi o
ni tuil pib	an bruil rib	nac bruil pib
ni ruilio	an Bruilio	nac bruilio

The analytic forms are like those given above; as ni full riao, nac bruit cu, &c.

322. Habitual Present.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.
bim (broim) bimio (bromio)
bin (broin) bionn pro, bici

bionn ré (bió ré, bióeann ré) bio (biòio)

Negatively, ni bim, &c. Interrogatively, an mbim, &c

Neg. Interrog., nac mbim, &c.
Relative form bior (brocar).
Autonomous, bicean

323. Imperfect Tense (I used to be). SINGULAR. PLURAL.

סס שוחים (סס שוליות) סס שוחים מסים (שולים מסים)

" biteá (" broteá) ", bíoo rib

" biod ré (" bidead ré) " bidir (biddir)

Autonomous, bici
Negatively, ni binn
Interrogatively, an mbinn?
Neg. interrog. nac mbinn?

Past Tense.

ABSOLUTE.

oo bior (bibear)

oo bioman (bioeaman)

" טוֹד (טוטור)

" bioban (bibeaban)

" bí ré

,, δίουλη, διθελυλη

Autonomous, bicear

825.

DEPENDENT.

pabar

patamap

pabair

pababap

naib re

pabadap

Autonomous, pattar

Negative, ni pabar, ni pabar, ni paib re, &c.

Interrogatively (Was I? &c.).

an pabar an pabair an paib ré an pabamap, &c.

Neg. interrog. (Was I not? &c.).

nac pabar

nac pabair

nac paid ré &c.

326.

Future Tense.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

véan, bean (béidean)

béimio, beimio (béiomio)

béin, bein (béidin)

béro, bero ré

béro pro, bércí béro, bero (béroro)

Relative Form,

bear, béar (béidear)

Autonomous,

béitean, beirean

Negatively, Interrog.,

ní béao an mbéao?

Neg. Interrog.,

nac mbéaro?

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Secondary Future or Conditional. 327.

too béinn (béitinn)

béimir (béiómir)

" béiteá (béióteá)

bead, bead (beidead) mb

" bead, bead (beidead) re beidir (beidtir)

Autonomous. Negative,

berori, bérti ni béinn

Interrog.,

an mbéinn

Neg. interrog., nac mbeinn

328.

THE SUBJUNCTIVE.

Present Tense.

50 nabato

50 nabmuro

TO nabain

50 haib pib (pabtaoi)

50 naib ré

50 nabaro

The negative particle for this tense is na: as. nd paid mait agat. No thanks to you.

329.

Past Tense.

to mpinn

50 mbimir

so mbites

To mbiod mb

so mbioo ré

50 mbioir

The negative particle is nan.

Autonomous Form.

50 pattap! may (they) be! (for once).

so mbicean!

(generally).

Yerbal Noun.

beit, to be.

Phrases containing the Yerb Noun. 330.

. 1r révoir tiom (a)* beit Ní réivin Liom (a) beit TIS LEAT (A) BEIT Thi tig lead (a) beit Caitrio ré beit Caitrio mé beit ni rulain 50 haib cu 1r cormail 50 paib tu Mion b'reivin nó bí cú ní cormail so paib mé Ní ruláin nac naib mé 1r cóin vom (a) beit ní cóm our (a) beit **υτό όδιη όδ Βει**τ Nion com tom (a) beit Duo mait tiom (a) beit ann I wish I were there. Da mait tiom so pair me I wish I had been there. ann

Tá ré le beit ann

I can be, &c. I cannot be, &c. You can be, &c. You cannot be, &c He must be, &c. I must be, &c.

You must have been, &c.

I must not have been, &c.

I ought to be. You ought not to be. He ought to have been. I ought not to have been.

He is to be there.

331. The forms puttin and nabar are used—

(1) After the particles ni, not; cá, where? an (or A), whether? 50, that; and nac or ná, that (conj.)...not.

^{*} This a is usually heard in the spoken language

- (2) After the relative particle a, when it is preceded by a preposition, after the relative a when it means "what," "all that," "all which," and after the negative relative nac, who...not, which...not. Cá b-ruit ré? Where is it? Ní ruit a rior asam. I don't know. Tá rior asam ná ruit ré ann. I know it is not there. Ocip ré so bruit ré rtán. He says that he is well. Sin é an reap nac b-ruit as obaip. That is the man who is not working. Oudaire ré tiom nac paid ré ann. He told me he was not there.
- 832. We sometimes find the verb ruit eclipsed after the negative ni, not; as, ni bruit ré he is not

For the use of the Relative Form refer to pars. 554-560.

THE ASSERTIVE VERB 1S.

338. The position of a verb in an Irish sentence is at the very beginning; hence, when a word other than the verb is to be brought into prominence, the important word is to be placed in the most prominent position—viz., at the beginning of the sentence, under cover of an unemphatic impersonal verb. There is no stress on the verb so used; it merely denotes that prominence is given to some idea in the sentence other than that contained in the verb. There is a similar expedient adopted in English: thus, "He was speaking of you," and, "It

is of you he was speaking." In Irish there is a special verb for this purpose, and of this verb there are forms to be used in principal clauses and forms to be used in dependent clauses—e.q.:

1r mire an rear. I am the man.

Deinim sun ab é Seasán an rean. I say John is the man.

334. Forms of the Assertive Verb.

(a) In Principal Sentences.

Present Tense, ir. Relative, ir or ap.

Past Tense.

[Future Simple, buo. Relative, bur].

Secondary Future or Conditional, bao.

Subjunctive, ab; sometimes ba.

Subjunc. Pres. (with 50) 50 mbs, 5upsb; (with ná) nápab, nápa.

Subjunc. Past. vá mbav, "if it were." Present Tense.

335.

ir mé, I am; or, it is I. ir cu, thou art, it is you.

ir é, he is, it is he.

ir i, she is, it is she.

336. Past Tense.

ba mé. ba tú,

vob' é, b' é, ba h-é, oob' i, b' i, ba h-i

ba rinn,

ba rib,

000' 140, b' 140, ba h-140

I was, it was I. thou wast, &c.

ir rinn, we are, it is we.

ir rio, you are, it is you.

ir 120, they are, it is they.

he was, &c.

she was, &c.

we were, &c.

you were, &c.

they were, &c.

Due or our is never used in the spoken language, and scarcely ever in writing, except when a superlative adjective or adverb occurs in a sentence, the verbs of which are in the Future Tense.

- 337. In the Present Tense the verb 1S is omitted after all particles except $\mathfrak{M}\mathfrak{A}$, if: as, 1 \mathfrak{p} mé an peap. I am the man; $\mathfrak{N}\mathfrak{i}$ mé an peap. I am not the man.
- 338. In the Past Tense DA is usually omitted after particles when the word following DA begins with a consonant: as, An maic teac an Aic? Did you like the place? Nan beag an tuace? Was it not a small price? Da is not usually omitted when the following word begins with a vowel or p, but the a is elided: as, Nion b' e pin an paganc. That was not the priest. Notice that the word immediately after ba or bao, even when ba or bao is understood, is usually aspirated when possible.

(b) In Dependent Sentences.

- 339. Present Tense.—At is used instead of ir after sup, meaning "that"; as, mearaim supate e rin an reap. I think that is the man. Before a consonant at is usually omitted; as, very resum mire an reap. He says that I am the man. At is always omitted after nac, that...not. Saoitim nace rin an pi. I think that is not the king.
- 340. Past Tense.—The word by or by becomes o' in dependent sentences and is usually joined to the

particle which precedes it. When the following word begins with a consonant the v is usually omitted. Mearaim supple red an reac. I think that this was the house; mearann re man mait to niall best anno. He thinks that Niall did not like to be here. An mearann to sup mait an result? Do you think that it was a good story?

341. Conditional.—In dependent sentences by or by becomes mba. Shortim so mba mark terr but teat. I think he would like to go with you. Deep renace mba mark terr. He says that he would not like. In the spoken language the tendency is to use the past tense forms in dependent sentences; hence Irish speakers would say sup mark in the above sentence instead of so mba mark, and nap mark instead of nace mba mark.

The Future is never used in dependent sentences in the spoken language.

bein, BEAR or CARRY.

342. Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

bein beingao beinge bneit

This verb is conjugated like buait, except in the Past, Future and Conditional.

343. Past Tense.

nuzar, nuzair, &c., like motar (par. 264).

The prefixes oo and no were not used before this Past Tense in early usage and not generally in present-day usage.

Future.

beunrao, beunrain, &c., like motrao (par. 265).

In early modern usage there was no r in this Tense, or in the Conditional. The rule was that when a short vowel in the Present became long in the Future stem no r was added. This rule is still observed in the Futures ending in -ocao or -eocao.

Conditional.

beuprainn, &c., like motrainn (par. 266).

Yerbal Noun bpeit, gen. bpeite or beinte.

345. This verb is of very frequent use in the idiom "bein an"; lay hold on. catch, overtake; e.g., pusso onm, I was caught. Hi put breit air. There is no laying hold on him (or it).

TABAIR, GIVE or BRING.

Principal Pants

	Frincipai	rarts.	
Imperative.	Future.	Participle.	Verbal Noun.
	(penhtao	tabanta	
Tabain	เ กานการ	Cu 5ċa	tab aint
	(zavappao		

346. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

SINGULAR.
PLURAL.

1. — Cabhaimir, cuzaimir
(cabham)

2. Cabain Cabiaio

8. ταθραφ or τυξαφ γέ ταθραιθίς, τυξαιθίς (or -αθαθίς)

Autonomous, ταθαρέαρ, τυζέαρ.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

347. Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

8ING. 1. (700-) beigim cabpaim

2. (vo-) beigin tabhain,

8. (vo-) bein (-eann ré tabhann ré

PLUR. 1. (700-) Beinimio Cabhaimio

2. (700-) beineann rib tabhann rib

3. (00-) beinio caphaio

cussim, &c. (like motaim), may be used in both constructions.

Autonomous, (vo-) beintean, cabantan or tustan.

348. By the "Dependent Form" of the Yerb we mean that form which is used after the following Particles, viz., ni, not; an, whether; nac, whether... not; or who, which or that...not; 50, that; ca, where, muna, unless; va, if; and the relative when governed by a preposition.

349. Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

(Too-) Beiginn Tabhainn

(vo-) beinted &c., like v'fuaspainn

&c., like buaitinn (262) (305)

Or, tuzann, tuzta, &c., for both absolute and dependent constructions.

Autonomous, δειμεί, ελδαμέλοι, ευστλοί.

Past Tense.

350. The Past Tense has only one form: tuzar, tuzar, &c., like matar (264). Auton tuzar.

In early usage this Past Tense did not take oo or no, as so o-cusar, "that I gave." In present-day usage this peculiarity is sometimes adhered to and sometimes not.

881.

Future Tense.

ABSOLUTE.

DEPENDENT.

(oo-)beungao

σιμόμα**σ**, σιούμα**σ**

&c.,

ciubpaip, ciobpaip

like motrao (265)

τιυ σηλιό γέ

capaprao, &c., may be used in both constructions.

Autonomous, beuppap

cabaptan

352.

Conditional.

(oo-)beuprainn

ciubpainn, ciobpainn

Ciubapica, ciobapica

&c., like motrainn (266)

&c.

Tabappainn, &c., may be used in both constructions.

Autonomous, beappai, Tabappai.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

This Mood occurs only in dependent construction.

853. Present—τυζαφ, τυζαιρ, τυζαιφ ρέ, &c., or ταθραφ, ταθραιρ, &c.

354. Past—cuzainn, &c., like motainn (268).

Yerbal Noun.

ταθαίητ, gen. ταθαητα.

Abair, SAY.

	Principal	Parts.	
Imperative.	Future.	Participle.	Verbal Noun.
•	(Denneyo		

abain { Toeunfat

μάιότε μάό

356. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

1. — abpaimip (abpam)

2. abain adhaid

8. abhad te aphadioir, aphadioir

357. Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT.

1. (a) oeinim abnaim
2. (a) oeinin abnain

3. (a) pein or peineann ré abhann ré (abain)

1. (a) requirio abpaimiro

2. (a) veintí abnann riv

oranda oranda

Autonomous, (a) Deintean abantan ...

The initial a of avernm, &c., is now usually dropped. The same remark holds for the other tenses. The v of vernum, &c., is not usually aspirated by a foregoing particle. The absolute and dependent constructions are sometimes confused in spoken usage.

358. Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE. 1. ADEIRINN 2. ADEIRÉA ADARTA 3. ADEIREAD PÉ ADRAD PÉ &C. &C. Autonomous, ADEIRÉI ADARTADI

Past Tense.

adubnar, adubanc

oubnar, oubant

anubhair

TIANGUO

aoubaing re

oubaing re

namanduoa adubnaban

namanduo

nacanduca

nadanduo

nagandug

Autonomous, (a) outpat or (a) outant ar

360.

Future Tense.

oeuntao

Δδηδέ**Δ**Ό

Deuppain

abnocain

neunrain re

Abnocaro re

Autonomous, oeanran

Abnoctan

In the spoken language the absolute and dependent forms are often confused.

361.

Conditional.

Deunrainn

abnocainn

oeunrá

abnocta

oeunrad ré

abnocao re

Autonomous, néarrai

abnoctai

In spoken language the two constructions are often confused.

362.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

abnain, Present, abnao,

abpaio re, &c.

Past.

abnainn,

abanta,

abnao ré, &c.

363.

Participles.

ηδιότε, 10η-ηδιότε, το-ηδιότε, γο-ηδιότε.

Verbal Noun.

não or nãoa, gen. sing. and nom. plur. nãroce

5ab, TAKE.

364.	Principal	Parts.
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Imperative.	Future.	Participle	Verbal Noun,
~ · M	∫zeaba o		
270	260070	<u> Sabta</u>	<u> S</u> abáil

This verb is regular except in the Future and Conlitional.

365. Future.

Σεουλίο, **Σεουλίη**, **Σεουλίο** γέ, &c.

366. Conditional.

żeobainn, żeobża, żeobad re, &c.

367. In the spoken language the Future is often made 5a0,5a0,&c., and the Conditional, 5a0,5ann, as in regular verbs.

Yerbal Noun.

5abáit or 5abát, gen. sing. and nom. plural 5abáta.

rat, GET, FIND.

308.	Principal Parts.		
Imperative.	Future.	Participle.	Verbal Noun.
ra \$	ζ ¢eoڻ Δο	n 4 + = 4	+ 5a4
	(Seabao	ra šca	fa żáil

369. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

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1. —	ras aimir
2. rat	rata10
8. rażad re	rażai oi r

INDICATIVE MOOD.

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а	ij.	u

Present Tense.

	ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT.
(-00)	ţeıbım	ra \$aim
,,	Çeıöın	rażain
,,	Żeibean n ré , Żeib ré	pażann ré
,,	ģei bm io	rażaimio
,,	żeibeann pib	ratann pib
,,	\$e1010	rażaio

Autonomous, (00-) żeitcean rażcan

In spoken usage pażam, &c., is used in both dependent and absolute constructions.

In the Auton. rattan, raittean and rattan are used.

371.

Imperfect Tense.

ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT.
(700-) Š eiðinn	pasainn
" ţeıöċe &	r asc a
. &c.	&c.

Autonomous, żeibci, pażcaoi, paiżci.

Spoken usage, Absolute, żerbinn or rażainn, &c.

372.

Past Tense.

This Tense has only one form for both absolute and dependent constructions. The prefixes to and to are not used with it.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.
1. ruapar	ruapam ap
2. ruapair	ruapab ap
3. ruain re	ruan av ak

Autonomous, pric, puantar or puanad. In spoken usage pric often becomes priceas.

Future Tense.

	TROOFIGE.		
1.	ξεούλο,	телвао	
2	teonam	&c	

A DOOR TIME

DEPENDENT.

bruitead or braitear bruitin &c.

8. seobaro re bruitio re

1. ţeobaimio bruitimio 2. seobaio rib סרט פול מול

8. Seobaro bruitio

Autonomous,

374.

Conditional.

ABSOLUTE. Keobainn or Keabainn

bruisinn or braisinn

DEPENDENT.

\$eóbtá. &c. bruittea, &c. bruitead re \$eobao ré bruitimir **Seobaimir** bruiteat rib teobat rib

teobaroir bruitioir hutonomous, Steobtai

375.

SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD

Present, ratao, ratain, rataio ré. &c. Past, rašainn, raštá, rašao ré, &c.

876.

Participle.

rasta, raiste or racta.

The derivative participles of this verb are usually formed from the genitive of the verbal noun.

10n-tatála, ro-tatála, vo-tatála.

oeun, DO, MAKE.

Principal Parts.

[mperative oeun

Future. neunran Participle. vennca Verpal Noun. oeunam

378.

IMPERATIVE MOOD.

I ---

veunaimir

2. veun

oeunaio

8. veunav re

oeunaioir

Autonomous, veuncan.

&c.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

879.

Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE.

DEPENDENT.

1. (00-) 5nim (5ni0im) 2. " Snin

oeunaim **o**eunain

8. " Ini re or Inionn re

veunann ré

" Śnimio 1. 2.

oeunaimio.

†nítí 3. **Snio**

beunann rib neunain

Relative, snior, snioear

Autonomous, Snicean

neuncan

In present-day usage peunam, &c., are very frequently used in the absolute construction.

880. Imperfect	Imperfect Tense.			
ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT.			
no-ţninn, ţnioinn	veunainn			
" \$ níteá, & c .	oeunca			
" ţniot re	oeunao re			
" ţnimi r	neunaimir			
" ţniot pib	veunat pib			
" ţnioir	oeunaroip			
Autonomous, vo-gniti	oeunca01			
381. Past Tense.				
vo-pinnear	veápnap			
,, խո ուր	oeápnaip			
" ninne ré	veápna ré			
" pinneamap	veapnamap			
" pinneabap	oeannaban			
" pinneavap	veahuadah			
Autonomous, τοι-μιπιεατό τοεάμπατό				
In Munster dialect oeinear, o	einir, dein ré, deineaman,			
oemeadan, and oemeadan are usubsolute and dependent constructions.	ed as the rast lease in both			
882. Future T				
ABSOLUTE AND D	EPENDENT.			
v eun rav	ventraimio			
veuntain	סeunraid rib			
oeunraio r é	oeuntaio			
Autonomous, veunrap				
883. Conditio	nal.			
veun painn	deunraimir			
ъ́еипра́	deunrad rib			
σeunraσ re	oeunpaivip			
Autonomous, beautai				

8UBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present.

veunav veunaid ré veunamaoiv, &c.

Past.

veunainn veunta veunav ré veunamaoir, &c.

Participles.

venuca ion-venuca po-venuca vo-venuca

Yerbal Noun.

veunam (veunav) gen. veunca

385. reic, SEE.

Principal Parts.

Imperative. Future. Participle. Verbal Noun.

reic { cirear reicrear reicre

386. IMPERATIVE MOOD.

1. — reicimir (reiceam)

2. reic reició

8. reicear reicivir

387. The imperative 2nd sing. and 2nd plural are hardly ever found; for we rarely command or ask a person to "see" anything, except in the sense of "look at" it. In Irish a distinct verb is always used in the sense of "look at," such as reuc, σεαρς, δρεατινίζ, &c. The verb reuc must not be confounded with reic; it is a distinct verb, and has a complete and regular conjugation.

388. In early modern Irish paic was the stem used in the imperative and in the dependent construction throughout the entire verb.

889. INDICATIVE MOOD.

Present Tense.

ABSOLUTE.	DEPENDENT.	
1. vo-čím (črvim)	rei cim	
2. vo-cip, &c.	reicin	
3. vo-ći ré, cionn re	reiceann ré	
1. vo-cimiv	r eicim io	
2. vo-citi	reiceann rib	
8. vo-cív	reicio	
Autonomous, { vo-citean	reictean	

390. The prefix ∞ -, now usually dropped, is an altered form of the old prefix at—e.g., atcim. This form survives in the spoken language only in the Uister form, 'tim or troim, &c.

391. Imperfect Tense.

oo-cinn, croinn	reicinn
oo-citeá, &c.	reicte&
0 0-číoở ré	reiceao re
oo-cimir	reici mir
σ ο- c ίο ο τισ	r eic e ស ់ ក្ បើ
no-dinin	reicinir

In spoken language rescans. &c., is used in both Absolute and Dependent constructions.

Ulster usage, trocann, troteá, &c.

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892.	Past	Tense.

	ABSOLUTE.		DEPENDI	ENT.
1.	∫connac	(connapcar)	fracar	feacar
	connacar		faca	(reaca
2.	connacair	(connapeatr)	racair	reacair
3.	connaic ré	(connainc ré)	raca ré	reaca ré
1.	conneaman	[connancaman]	racaman	reacaman
2.	conncabap	[connapcavan]	racaban	reacaban
3.	conneavar	[4vavədruuoə]	tacadan	reacavan
	Autonomou	is, connear	racar o	r pactap

The older spelling was accommac and accommanc, &c. The τ is still preserved in the Ulster dialect: tanace me, &c., I saw.

893. Future Tense.

(τοο-) είτρατο, είτρατο, τειστρατο,
 (τοο-) είτρη, είτοτρη, τειστηη, δεο.
 &ε.

Autonomous, cirean reicrean

894. Conditional.

(oo-)cirinn, crorinn, reicrinn, &c. &c.

In the Future and Conditional rescream, &c., and rescrim, &c., can be used in both constructions.

895. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, reiceao, reiciji, reició ré, &c.

Past, reiceaó, reiceaó ré, &c.

Participle, reicée.

Verbal Noun.

reicring, reircing, gen. reicreans

From the genitive of the verbal noun the compound participles are formed: viz., in-reicreana, ro-reicreana, vo-reicreana.

397. closs or cluin, HEAR.

These two verbs are quite regular except in the Past Tense.

In old writings the particle at or vo- is found prefixed to all the tenses in the absolute construction, but this particle is now dropped.

398.

Past Tense.

omalar, cuala

<u>cualaman</u>

cuatair

cualabap

cuala re

cualavan

Autonomous, cualatar
Verbal Nouns.

ctor or ctoiring (or more modern ctuinging or ctoirein).

TAR, COME.

399.

IMPERATIVE.

sing. 1. —

PLUR. CIKIMIT (CIKEAM)

2. cap

C1210

8. ciseat (casat) ré

CISIOIP

INDICATIVE MOOD.

400.

Present Tense.

1. CI51m

CIZIMITO

2. cisin

CISCI

8. CIS ré

C1**510**

Relative (wanting).

Autonomous, cistean.

The Present Tense has also the forms cazam or ceasam inflected regularly.

401.

Imperfect Tense.

tisinn, tasainn, or teasainn, regularly.

402.

Past Tense.

tángar, tánas

tanzaman

tanzair

tánsaban

táinis ré

tán 5 a to an

403. Autonomous, cansar.

The $n_{\overline{5}}$ in this Tense is not sounded like $n_{\overline{5}}$ in $ton_{\overline{5}}$, a ship, but with a helping vowel between them—e.g., 2nd pers. sing.—is pronounced as if written tánagair; but in Munster the $_{\overline{5}}$ is silent except in the 3rd pers. sing.—e.g., tángar is pronounced haw-nuss.

404. Future Tense, clocrao, &c., inflected regularly; also spelled clucrao, &c.

Relative, clocrar

Conditional, troopsinn, &c., inflected regularly.

405. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, cizear, cazar, or ceazar, inflected regularly.

Past, ciginn, cagainn, or ceasainn, inflected regularly.

406. Yerbal Noun, ceact (or thotact, theact)
Participle, teasta or tasta.

407. Ceiż, Go.

N.B.—The present stem is also spelled τέιτ, but τέιξ is presentable, as it better represents the older form, τιας οr τέις.

408. IMPERATIVE.

1. — téiţimir (téiţeam)

2. τέιξ τέιξιό

8. τειξελό τε τειξισίτ

469. In the Imperative 2nd sing, and 2nd plur, other verbs are now usually substituted, such as 5ab, 1mτi5, τέιμιξ. The use of τέιμιξ, plur, τέιμιξιό, seems to be confined to these two forms; 1mτiξ has a tull, regular conjugation.

INDICATIVE MOOD.

410. Present. 1. τειξιm (τειοιm) 2. τειξιη &c. 2. τειξί

3. τέιξ ré, τέιξεαπη ré 3. τέιξιο

Autonomous, céiscean

158

Imperfect Tense.

téiginn (or téioinn), &c., regularly.

411. Past Tense.

ABSOLUTE. DEPENDENT. 1. cuadar **ve**acar 2. cuadair oeacair 3. cuaro ré veacato re 1. cuadaman **beacaman** 2. cuadaban neacaban 8. cuadadan Deacadan

neacar

Autonomous, cuadtar

In Munster cuadar, &c., is used in the dependent construction, as níon cuaro ré, he did not go. Deazar, &c., is also used in Munster.

412.

Future.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL

1. pacao, pasao

pacamaoro, patamaoro

2. pacain, pasain

ηαζαιό μιο, παξαιό γιο

3. pačaro ré, pażaro ré pačaro, pażaro

Relative, nacar, natar.

Autonomous, pactap, pattap.

413.

Conditional.

pacainn or patainn, &c., regularly.

The Future and Conditional are sometimes spelled nacrao, &c., and nacrainn, &c.

414. SUBJUNCTIVE MOOD.

Present, τειξελό, τειξιή, τειξιό γε, &c.
Past, τειξιή, τειξελό, τειξελό γε, &c.

415. Yerbal Noun.

out, gen. vota (sometimes outra).

Participle of Necessity.

outes (as, ni outes oo, he ought not to go).

Derivative Participles.

10n-vola, po-vola, vo-vola.

416. 1¢, EAT.

This verb is regular except in the Future and Conditional.

Principal Parts.

 Imper.
 Future.
 Participle.
 Verbal Noun.

 1t
 foγΔO
 itce
 ite

417. Future Tense.

SINGULAR. PLURAL.

1. iorato (iorrato) ioramatito
2. iorato, &c. iorato rit
8. iorato re iorato

Relative, iorar (iorrar).

Autonomous, forcap.

418. Conditional.

SINGULAR.	PLURAL.	
1. iopainn (ioppainn)	iopama01 p	
2. ioptá, &c.	iopad pib	
8. iopad ré	ioratoir	

419. As well as the regular Past Tense, o'icear, &c., there is another Past Tense, viz., ouavar, in use.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

1. ouadar

ouadaman

2. ouadair

ηδάδοδαυσ

8. ouaro ré

MADADAN

niżim, I REACH.

420. This verb is nearly obsolete, its place being taken by the regular verbs rhoicim and rhoirim

Its Past Tense is inflected like canas.

1. pángap, pánag

nánsaman

2. nánsair

nánzaban

8. námis ré

panzavan

421.

Yerbal Noun.

počtain or piactain.

Rigim has a special usage in the phrase pigim a tear, "I need," (whence, piactanar, need, necessity: piactanac, necessary: from the verbal noun.)

marbaim or marbuizim, I KILL.

422. This verb is quite regular except in Future and Conditional.

Future, mapóbao, mapbócao, mapeóbao, mapeócao or muporeao (with usual terminations).

Conditional, manobainn, manbocainn, maineobainn, mainbeocainn or muinbrinn, &c., &c.

Yerbal Noun.

manbar or manbusar, to kill or killing.

SOME DEFECTIVE VERBS.

428. AR, quoth, say or said. This verb is used only when the exact words of the speaker are given. (It corresponds exactly with the Latin "inquit.") It is frequently written appa or app, as appa mipe, said I. When the definite article immediately follows this latter form the r is often joined to the article, as, app an peap or appan peap, says the man. "Cia tū pein?" ap peipean. "Who are you?" said he.

When the exact words of the speaker are not given translate "says" by vern, and "said" by vursing. When the word "that" is understood after the English verb "say" so (or nac if "not" follows) must be expressed in Irish.

- 424. OAR, It seems or it seemed. This verb is always followed by the preposition 1e:
 as, van tiom, it seems to me, methinks; or, it seemed to me, methought. Oan teac.
 It seems to you. Oan teir an orean. It seemed to the man.
- 425. PEADAR, I know, I knew. This verb is nearly always used negatively or interrogatively, and although really a past tense has a present meaning as well as a

past. 111 feavan. I do, or did, not know. 111 feavan ré. He does not know, or he did not know.

SINGULAR.

PLURAL.

1. readan

1. readnaman

2. readnair (-ir)

2. reappaban

3. readain ré

3. readpadap

- N.B.—The forms just given are those used in the spoken language, the literary forms are: readan, readan tú, readan ré, readaman, readan, and readadan.
 - 426. CARLA, There came to pass, it happened or happened to be. It is also used to express the meeting of one person with another.
 - 427. O'FODAIR or ba OODAIR, "It all but happened." E.g., o'FODAIR GAM CUICIM, It all but happened to me to fall, I had like to fall, I had well nigh fallen. The same meaning is expressed by σ'FODAIR 50 συμιτριπη.
 - 428. peudaim, I can, is regular in all its tenses, but it has no imperative mood.

CHAPTER VI.

The Adverb.

429. There are not many simple adverbs in Irish, the greater number of adverbs being made up of two or more words. Almost every Irish adjective may be-

come an adverb by having the particle "50" prefixed to it: as, mait, good; 50 mait, well; umat, humble; 50 n-umat, humbly.

- 430. This so is really the preposition so* with its meaning of "with." (Do not confound this word with so meaning "to," they are two distinct prepositions). Of course this particle has now lost its original meaning in the case of most adverbs.
- 431. Adverbs may be compared; their comparative and superlative degrees are, however, those of the adjectives from which they are derived; the particle 50 is not used before the comparative or superlative.
- 432. It may be well to remark here that when an adjective begins with a vowel 50 prefixes h, as 50 h-annam, seldom.
- 433. The following list may now be regarded as simple adverbs although many of them are disguised compounds.

<u>amaċ</u>

out (used only after a verb of motion).

amuit, amuic

outside, out; never used after a verb of motion. He is out, the period amuit. He is standing outside the door, the period amuit of notar.

^{*} This preposition is now used only in a few phrases; as mile 50 tert, a mile and (with) a half: rtat 50 tert, a yard and a half: btradam 50 tert o form, a year and a half ago.

ám, amac, however.

amain, alone, only. amait, as, like. amtaio, thus.

anoct, to-night.

anor, now.

apein, last night.

apir(t). again.

ca? where?

conur? cionnur? how?

com, com, as (see par. 154).

rearda, henceforth, at once.

teir,

perim,

anoct, to-night.

spreac, in (motion)

so h-annam, seld

so rout, yet, awl

ni (nion),

ca (can), (Ulster),

nuaip, when.

catain?

when?

when?

teir,

also.

papin, as, like.

map rin, thus.

ror, yet. 1 muda, amú, astray (mistaken). moé (ané), yesterday. inoiu (anoiu), to-day. 1 mbánac (amánac), tomorrow. irceac, in (motion only). ircis, inside (rest). 50 h-annam, seldom. so rout, yet, awhile. ní (níon), ca (can), (Ulster). not. nuain, when. man, as, like. man rin, thus.

Fiú, even; as, níon tabain ré riú aon rocat amáin. He did not speak even one word. San riú na n-anáta oo tappains. Without even taking breath. Piú is really a noun, and is followed by the genitive case, whenever the definite article comes between it and the noun; otherwise it is followed by a nominative case.

434. It may be useful to remark here that the words in oiu, to-day; in oé, yesterday; i mbápac, to-morrow; αμέτρ, last night; αποέτ, to-night; can be used only as adverbs. He came to-day. Cáinis ré inoiu. He

went away yesterday. O' imtit re inoe. When the English words are nouns, we must use an ta (or an oroce) before moiu, moé, anem, etc. Yesterday was fine. Vi an lá moé breat. To-morrow will be wet. bero an tá i mbánac rtiuc. Last night was cold. Di an oroce apeip ruap.

435. Interrogative Words.

when? catain? cé an uain? which (adj.)? cé an...? cé an c-am?

where? cá? cé an áic? what? cao? cneuo? ceuno? conan?

how? conur (cionnur)? ce whither? ca?

an cao!? 50 06 man?
why? cao 'na caob? cao whence? cao ar? ca'n curse? cao rát? cé abar? an rát?

how far? cé an raio? how much? cé meuro? how long? an raoa? how many? an mô?

which (pron.)? cioca? cé? who? cé? cia? cé n-é (i,

Up and Down.

ruar, upwards, motion upwards from the

place where the speaker is.

anior, upwards, motion up from below to the place where the speaker is.

tuar (also spelled ruar), up, rest above the place where the speaker is.

anior (abur),* up, rest where the speaker is.

^{*} This form is used in Ulster and North Connaught, but generally this word is used only for rest on this side of a room, river, &c., or here, where we are.

rior, downwards, motion down from where

the speaker is.

anuar, downwards, motion down from above to where the speaker is.

tior (rior), down, below, rest below the place where the speaker is.

anuar (abur),* down, rest where the speaker is.

437. The following examples will fully illustrate the use of the words for "up" and "down":-

A says to B, I'll throw it down, Cartrio me rior e. Throw it up, Cast ansor é.

It is up now, Castrio mé ruar é.

Is it up yet? Orust ré tuar ror?

Throw it down, Cast anuar é.

Cart anuar é. Is it down yet? Orust re tior ror?

N.B.—He is up (i.e., he is not in bed), The re 'na furbe. We are up, Cárinn'nánruide

^{*} See foot-note at end of page 160.

438.

Rest	Motion from the speaker	Motion towards the speaker	Prepositional use, this side of, etc.
1 brur, abur, this side	Anonn	anall	Larcour ve, caob 1
tall, the other side, yonder	rall	anall	taptatt ve, taob
amuit (amuic), outside	amač	amaċ	learmuiż, caob amuiż oe
ηςι ż, in side	1 rc esċ	1pceac	למוףכול, במסט ורכול ספ

Over.

439. The following sentences will exemplify the translation of the word "over":—

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L.	D.

A says to B, I'll throw it over to Caitro me anonn you, cusat e.

- , Is it over yet? Orunt re tall for?
- " Throw it over to me, Cast anall cusam é.
- " It is over now, Cá ré abur anoir.

He went over the wall. Cuaro re tan an moalla.

He went over to Scot- Cuaro re anonn 50 land.

h-Albain.

He came over from Caining re anall o Scotland.

Albain.

North, South, East, West.

The root oin means front: ian means back.

440. The ancients faced the rising sun in naming the points of the compass; hence COIR, east; CLAR, west; CLATO, north; CEAS, south.

441.

Rest	Motion from the speaker towards the	Mution towards the speaker from the	Prepositional use, east of, west of, north of, south of,
່ວາກຸ east	roip	Δησιμ	ל"לבקדנון יספ; באף באח במסט לפון יספ; יסובל לפון יספ
tiap, west	piapi	aniapi	ל*למוך כו מון מון מון מון מון מון מון מון מון מו
ėuarė, nort h	ó tuait	405u410	ל במידט ל ל היים ל ל במידט ל ל במידט ל ל מידט ל ל מידט ל מידט ל
ċeaŗ, south	ó če ar	anvear	*Lairtear de; an an taob tear de; toia tear de

442. The noun "north," etc., is A11 TAOD CUAID, A11 TAOD CEAS, etc., or cuairceaps, deirceaps, iaptap, and oinceaps. These latter words are obsolescent.

443

The North wind, an saot actuard N.W. wind, saot anian actuard S.E. wind, saot anoin ancear start with the sast of the sast of

444. With reference to a house, man is inwards; rom is outwards.

^{*} tear or tar may be used. + Probably a corruption of 1 ocaob.

445. Compound or Phrase Adverbs.

1 5céin, far off (space). 1 brao, far off (space and time). an air, back. an scut, backwards. an ocur,) at first, or in an ocuir, I the beginning. an cuma ar int, I rate. annro, here. ann ran (rain, rin), there, then. oo rion,
1 Scommuroe, always. coroce, ever (future). mam, ever (past). 50 beo, for ever. 50 bnát(ac), for ever. ré (or rá) vo, twice. ré (or rá) tní, thrice. ré (or ra) reac, by turns. 1 Lácain, present. ar látain, absent. oe tácain, presently, just now. beas nac, nac mon, seatt te, 50 teip, entirely.

an aon con, i n-aon con, an bit, con an bit. con teir rin, moreover. an aon cuma,) at any pé rzéal é,) however, pé nuo é, sat any rate. 1 n-airse, gratis. 1 ocairse, in safe keeping. 1 n-airoean, in vain. cuitte eite,) moreover, cuitte ror, besides. 1 test, apart, aside. $\begin{pmatrix} cao ar? \\ cá h-ar? \end{pmatrix}$ whence? cé meuo?
ca meuo?
an mo?
how many? oe to, by day. rc' οιόċe, by night. o ceite,
o n-a ceite,
asunder. 1 n-einfeact, together. re tuainim, conjecturally.

eadon (written .1.). ó cianaib. o ciantaib, so teon, ס'בֹּת חסטול (סטול), oo teit, 1 SCEADOIN, lom-Laitneac, Láitheac bonn, An An Ocoinc, an uainib, uaineannta, anoir 7 anir, 50 h-áiniste, 50 ronpadac, so monmon, 50 h-unmon, an ball, vála an rzéilor válta riúv, by the bye. 1 n-áinoe, coranáinoe, go veimin or go veapota, 50 beimin it 20 beaupts,) ambniatan 'r ambara, טא חוֹחוט, man an Scéaona, ó rom i leit, ó roin amac, An éisin,

namely. awhile ago. ages ago. enough. sure, surely.

immediately, instantly.

sometimes.

especially.

indeed.

by and bye, after awhile. on high. at full gallop.

really and truly.

really, in fact. likewise, in like manner. from that time to this. from that time out. hardly, with difficulty, perforce.

an curo ir mo de, at most. aη (a) 10ma0, an cuio ir luga de, at least. an a lagao (laigeao), an a ron ran (ir uite), notwithstanding (all that). com rada 'r (use te before noun) whilst, as long as. an faio (rel. form of verb) o' son sno, purposely. com mait agur va, just as if. te h-éinte an lae, at dawn. San coinne le, unexpectedly. gan rúil le, ve thát (thátac), usually. παρ ατά, παρ ατάιο, namely, viz., i.e. secretly, lowly. or iriol, or ano, aloud, openly. in the morning. an maioin, ra chacnona, in the evening. um tháthóna, an maioin inoiu, this morning. to-morrow morning. an maioin i mbanac, this evening. ra chátnona inoiu, athusao moé, on the day before yesterday the day athusao 1 mbahac, after onanointean, umanointean, morrow. tá ap n-a bápac, on the following day. (during) this year. 1 mbliadna, (during) last year. anuparo, Δτημέω απυμαιό, (during) the year before last

446. The phrases which have just been given about morning, evening, &c., are strictly adverbial, and cannot be used as nouns.

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Adverbs. Nouns. oia Domnais, on Sunday Tomnac, m., Sunday on Monday Luan, m., Monday maine, f., on Tuesday Tuesday via Ceuvaoin', on Wednesday Ceuvaoin, f., Wednesday oia Oanoao:n', on Thursday Oanoaoin, f., Thursday Aoine, f., Friday oia h-Aoine, on Friday ora Satarnn, on Saturday Satann, m., Saturday

448. Old takes the name of the day in the genitive case; it is used only when "on" is, or may be, used in English—i.e., when the word is adverbial.

Old is really an old word for day. It occurs in the two expressions 1 n-olu, to-day; 1 n-oé, yesterday. It is now never used except before the names of the days of the week, and in the two expressions just mentioned.

449. "Head-foremost."

He fell head-foremost,
1 fell head-foremost,
She fell head-foremost,
They fell head-foremost,
Th

^{*}monaro is a phrase meaning "after," and is followed by a genitive case.

However.

However followed in English by an adjective or an adverb is translated into Irish by the preposition oo (or oe), the possessive adjective a, and an abstract noun corresponding to the English adjective or adverb.

However good, σ'á reabar. However long, σ'á raio. However great, σ'á méio. However violent, σ'á éignige.

However high, o'a somoe. However young, o'a size

The Adverb "The."

The sooner the better,

The longer...the bolder, The sooner...the less,

σ'ά tuaite 'rear (ir amtair) ir reapp.

ni't τοά tuaite nac amtair (ear) ir reapp.

τ'ά tuaiteact ir reapproe.

τ'ά ταιτο 'rear ir τοάπα.

τ'ά tuaite 'rear'ir tuta.

CHAPTER VII. Prepositions.

450. The following list contains the simple prepositions in use in modern Irish:—

1, a, m, (ann) in.
a5, (a15), at.
ap, (a1p), on.
aγ, out of.
oap, by (in swearing).
oe, off, from.
oo, to.

ré, raoi, ró, rá, under.

San, without.

50, to (motion).

μοιπ, before.

τοιμ, between.

te, with.

o, from.

ταμ,
ταμ,
ταμ,
ταμ, through.

um, im, concerning, about.

CHAPTER VIII.

Conjunctions.

451. The following is a list of the conjunctions in use at present:—

use at present:—						
σε τηίς 50)	má, vá, if.				
raoi pát 'r 50,	hacausa	muna, muna, ifr	ot.			
cion ir,	Decause.	Sidead, however.				
cion ir 50,)	con teir rin,				
ACC, but, except.		nuo eile (oe), m	oreover.			
azur (a'r, 1r, 'r), and.		cuille ror,	.0100101.			
roipazur, bothand.		cuille eile,				
an (an), whether	map, as.					
an a ron 50,		na, than; nor.				
γιάο ιγ 50,	although.	50 (Sup), that.				
c10, 510,	andiough.	man ir 50, as though.				
cé 50, 510 50,	}	1 ocheo 20 (nac),	ì			
50,	until	ap nor 50 (nac),	1			
uo 20,	(with	ap mod 50 (nac),	naċ),			
аст 50,	verbs).	1 5cáp 50 (na c) ,	so that			
ξο στί ξο,	j <i>0e108</i>).	an con 50 (nac),	(not).			
com tuat ap,)	Δη τόδιξ 50 (nac),				
σά luar 7,	as soon as.	1 50401 50 (n aċ),				
an cúirse so,		ionnur 50 (nac),*/				
ror, yet, still.		reacar, compared	with.			
rul; ran,		nó, or.				
rul a oci,	efore.	6, since, because.				
ruc ma oci,		o nac, sincenot.				
rul vá vcí,		όι η, f or, because.				

^{* 50} and nac are very frequently separated from 10nnup by a subordinate or relative clause: e.g., "10nnup, an ti an a mbiad an nigin 1111, 50 mbiad teahmann aige o'n oinlead;" so that the person who would be marked with that sign would have protection from the slaughter.

maireao, well, if so. ο τάπια 50, whereas.

uime rin, therefore, wherefore. sides, furthermore.

αρ απ άσθαρ rain, therefore. πας

map rin réin, even so. πά, πά 50,

bíoo 50, although, whether
...or.

452. In Munster "that...not" is usually translated by ná followed by the dependent form of the verb. ná neither aspirates nor eclipses. In the past tense it becomes náp which causes aspiration. 'Whenever "that...not" follows a negative (or a virtual negative) phrase, ná 50 is used (ná 5up in the past tense).

Tá fior aise réin ná ruit an ceant aise. He knows himself that he is not right.

ni denim (or denim) na 50 bruil an ceant aise. I don't say that he is not right.

nac is used in Munster as a part of the verb ir.

453. The use of MAR before a clause is noteworthy. raman acutaint re, (according) as he said. tan man to re veic motiatina riceau o foin. Beyond (or compared with) how it was 30 years ago.

1 υταού man τις, regarding what you say.

Τάιπις τέ man a nait fronn. He came to where
Finn was.

man atá or man atáio, that is, viz., i.e.

man so mbad 140 réin do deunam an nioma, as if it were they who performed the act.

man an Scenona, likowise.

man seatt an, on account of.

CHAPTER IX.

454. Interjections and Interjectional Phrases.

O (the sign of the Vocative ۵. case).

hush! list! eirc,

Fointon!

Fainton! mo onon!

mo cheac!

mo tean!

mo tean seun!

reuc! Ó bứ bứ! oć! uć! ucón!

mo name tu!

Fáilte nomat!

. . abal

Alasl

Behold! lo!

Alas! Shame on you!

Hurrah for . .

Welcome!

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Ola to beata!) Hail! 'Sé po peata! Stan lear (LIB)! Stan beo agat (agaib)! Good-bye! Deannact Leat (LIB)! God be with us! OIA Linn! Mairead! Well! Musha! roisto (roisne)! Patience! Faine! Take care! Fie! So océio cá rlán! Safe home! בוטל בול לוצולווטל בול לווכן God prosper you! Di 'oo torc! Silence! Circ oo beut! mo soinm tá l Bravo! Súro onc!) Good health! Staince! Mait an rean! Good man! Good fellow! Mait an buacaill! Durbeadar Leat! Thanks! thank you! So haid mait agat!) So n-einigio ao leac! Good luck to you! Hản téi sườ 'Oia rin! God forbid! God save you! So mbeannuitio Ola duic! Good morning! &c. So mainin, Long life to you! So mainio ca!) So broinio Oia onainn! God help us! Oroce mait out ! May you have a good night! May God give you a good So ocusato Ola otoce mait ouit! night!

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God grant you success! Sound night's sleep to

May you sleep peacefully

May God accompany you

To mbuadaid Dia teac! Stan covatca na h-oroce

So scoolain so ram!

Dail o Dia one!

Curocacan Dé Leac!

FAO PAOSAIL ASAC!

Duaro Leac! Rat 50 naid onc!

'Seato!

'Sead anoir!

Cosan 1 Leit!

Ambara! mo statom chorde tu!

A curo l AC AIDE!

ASAC!

Well!

There now! Whisper (here)!

you!

God bless you!

Long life to you!

Success to you!

Indeed! Bravo!

My dear! Dear me!

CHAPTER X.

WORD-BUILDING.

Prefixes.

455. The following is a list of the principal prefixes used in Irish. Some of them have double forms owing to the rule caot te caot.

air or eir, back, again; like the English re-;
ioc, payment; airioc, repayment, restitution.

mi , mio,
neam , neim,
ear,

neam or aim,
neim,
neam , mio,
neam , neim,
ear,

neam or aim,
neim,
neim

e or ea, a negative particle. It eclipses c and c and becomes eas before r. Com, just; eascom, unjust; chom, heavy; easchom, light; cormant, like; euspamant, different.

ορος, bad, evil; mear, esteem; ορος-mear, reproach, disesteem.

com, equal; aimpin, time; com-aimpeanac, contemporary.

^{*} ví, vío eclipse words beginning with b or r, víomburoeacar, ingratitude.

- teat, a half; teat-uain, half an hour; rgeut, a story; teit-rgeut, an excuse.
- in, ion, fit, suitable; veunca, done; in-veunca, fit to be done; náive, said; ion-náive, fit to be said; ion-motea, praiseworthy; ion-otea, drinkable; in-ice, eatable, edible. (See pars. 286, 288.)
- neum, before; paroce, said; neum-paroce, aforesaid.
- rpit, back; rpit-teact, coming and going; rpit-buatao, palpitation, or a return stroke.
- ban, a feminine prefix; plant, a prince; ban-flant, a princess; bann-cifeanna, a lady.
- at, a reiterative particle: não, a saying; at-não, a repetition; atuan, another time; an atoliadam, next year; an atreactmain, next week. At has sometimes the force of "dis" in dismantle, as cumao, to form;

atcumate, to deform, destroy; prosate, to crown, to elect a king; atplosate, to dethrone.

bit, biot, lasting, constant; buan, lasting; biot-buan, everlasting; bit-fineun, ever-faithful.

oo and ro, two particles which have directly opposite meanings, as have often the letters o and r. Oo denotes difficulty, ill, or the absence of some good quality; ro denotes the opposite.

vo-veunca, hard to be done ro-veunca, easy to be done

oolar, sorrow oonar, bad-luck oubac, sad oarobin, poor oaoi, a fool oic, want, misery oubaitce, vice oaon, condemned, dear oocan, barm oona, unlucky, unhappy ooineann, bad weather oocamat, inconvenient

rotar, comfort, joy ronar, good-luck rubac, merry raiobin, rich raoi, a wise man ric, peace, plenty rubaitce, virtue raon, free, cheap rocan, profit rona, lucky, happy roineann, fine weather rocamait, convenient

456. Affixes or Terminations.

ac, when it is the termination of an adjective, means full of, abounding in: bmatan, a word; bmatnac, wordy, talkative; reunac, grassy.

- person or personal agent: as Eineannac, an Irishman; Atbanac, a Scotchman.
- act is an abstract termination, like the English -ness:
 mitir, sweet; mitreact, sweetness.
 - N.B.—The termination -acc is usually added to adjectives.
- an agent: rgeut, a story; rgeuturoe, a storyteller; cor, a foot; corroe, a pedestrian.
- aine, ine, are also personal terminations denoting an agent: ceats, deceit; ceatsaine, a deceiver.
- amait, a termination having the very same force as the English like or ly: reapamait, manly; rtaiteamait, princely, generous.
- ar, ear, or sometimes r alone, an abstract termination like act: mait, good: maitear, goodness; ceann, a head; ceannar, headship, authority.
- oan and one have a collective force: as, outte, a leaf (of a tree); outteadan, foliage.
- υα, υα, or τα, is an adjectival termination which has usually the force of the English -like: monυα, majestic; όνυα, golden; ξαιτυα, exotic, foreign (from ξαιτ, a stranger, a foreigner).

- e is an abstract termination like acc or ar: whenever it is added to an adjective the resulting abstract noun, owing to the rule "caot te caot," has the very same form as the genitive singular feminine of the adjective: as, riat, generous; reite, generosity; aro, high; airoe, height; Seat, bright; Site, brightness; aitne, beauty.
- tac, nac, pac, tac, thac, have all the same meaning as ac, viz., full of, abounding in: muc, a pig; muctac, a piggery; coutt, a wood; coutteac, a place full of woods; putteac, bloody; toutteac (toutteannac), willing.
- man means full of, abounding in: ceot, music; ceotman, musical; greann, fun; greannman, full of fun, amusing; ciattman, sensible, intelligent.
- όιη, σόιη, or τόιη, denotes a personal agent: rpeat, a scythe; rpeataσόιη, a mower, reaper; σοιηreόιη, a door-keeper.

Diminutives.

457. In Irish there are three diminutive terminations, viz., in, in, and o5. However, in is practically the only diminutive termination in Modern Irish as in and o5 have almost lost their diminutive force. A double diminutive is sometimes met with, as ino infin, a very little height.

in.

458. The termination in, meaning "small" or "little," may be added to almost every Irish noun. Whenever the final consonant is broad it must be made slender (as the in always remains unaltered), the vowels undergoing the same changes as in the formation of the genitive singular, but C is not changed into 5 (see pars. 60 and 78).

arat, an ass aratin, a little ass
reap, a man ripin, a , man
sont, a field suntin, a , field
cartteat, an old woman cartticin, a , old woman
riparo, a street riparoin, a ,, street, a lane

If the noun ends in e, drop the e and add fn; but if the noun ends in a, drop the a and attenuate the preceding consonant; then add fn.

páiroe páiroin Nópa Nóipin máta máitin

459. án.

γριτάπ, a brook,

άροάπ, a hillock,

σεαιξάπ, a knitting-needle,

διομάπ, a pin,

teaσμάπ, a booklet,

ξευξάπ, a twig,

tocáπ, a little lake,

τςιατάπ, a wing,

from prut, a stream.

- " ápo, high.
- " oeats, a thorn.
- " bion, a spit.
- " teaban, a book.
- " seus, a branch.
- " toć, a lake.
- " rziat, a shield.

The above are examples of real diminutives, but such examples are not very numerous.

460. OS.

piarcos (péirceos), a worm, from piarc, a reptile.
taros, a match, " tar, a light.
sabtos, a little fork, " sabat, a fork.

These are examples of real diminutives in $\delta \xi$, but such real diminutives are not numerous, as most nouns in $\delta \xi$ have practically the same meaning as the nouns from which they were derived (the latter being now generally obsolete): cuite $\delta \xi$, a fly, from cuit, a fly; oure $\delta \xi$, a briar, from our, a briar; runne $\delta \xi$, an ash, from runne, an ash.

In Craig's Grammar we find $tu\dot{c}\dot{o}_{5}$, a rat ($tv\dot{c}$, a mouse). This example is a striking instance of the fact that the termination \dot{o}_{5} is losing (if it has not already lost) its diminutive force.

All derived nouns in os are feminine.

Derived Nouns.

461. Words are of three classes—Simple, Derivative, and Compound. All simple words are, as a general rule, monosyllables; they are the roots from which derivative and compound words spring. Derivative words are made up of two or more purts. These parts undergo slight changes when they are united to form words, and thus the component parts are somewhat disguised. The difficulty which presents itself to a student in the spelling of Irish is more apparent than real. The principle of vowel-assimilation is the key to

Irish spelling. Let a student once thoroughly grasp the rules for "caot te caot, &c," "aspiration," "eclipsis," "attenuation," and "syncope," and immediately all difficulty vanishes.

Derivatives are formed of simple words and particles. The most important of the latter have been already given under the headings "Prefixes" and "Affixes." We will here give some examples of derivative nouns, a careful study of which will enable the student to split up the longest words into their component parts, and thus arrive at their meanings.

462. cnom means heavy; chomar, i.e., thom + ar (the abstract termination) means heaviness or weight; earcrom, light, from crom, and the negative particle éa, which eclipses c and c, hence the v; éavornomar, lightness, from éa, not; thom, heavy; ar, ness; comtnom, impartial, fair, or just; from com, equal, and thom, heavy; comthomar, impartiality, fairness, &c.; éascomenom, partial, unjust; from éa+ com+cnom; éascomcnomar, partiality, injustice; from ea + com + cnom + ar. Speatadoin, a reaper; from rpeat, a scythe, and poin, an affix denoting an agent; the a is put in between the and o to assist pronunciation: caipoe, friends; caipoear, friendliness, friendship; eugcaipoear, unfriendliness, hostility: respantact, manliness; from rean + amail + act: neim-teanamtact, unamiability; from neim, not + sean, affection + amail + acc: piosacc, a

kingdom, from prostact: comorcar, comparison, emulation, competition; from co (com), equal, and morcar, greatness, i.e., comparing the greatness of one thing with that of another.

- 463. Compound nouns are formed by the union of two or more simple nouns, or of a noun and an adjective.
- (A.) A compound noun formed of two or more nouns, each in the nominative case, has its declension determined by the last noun. Its gender also is that of the last noun, unless the first noun-part be such as requires a different gender. The first word qualifies the second, and the initial consonant of the second is usually aspirated.
- (B.) If the compound is formed of a noun in the nominative form followed by a genitive noun, the first is the principal noun, and determines the declension and gender; the second qualifies the first, and generally remains unaltered, and the aspiration of the initial consonant in this case depends on the gender of the first noun. See par. 21(f).

We will give here a few examples of the two chief kinds of compound nouns. It is usual to employ a hyphen between the nouns in Class A, but not in Class B.

Class A.

bneus-ni, a pseudo king
bun-rnut, a fountain

cat-bapp, a helmet

clap-folar, twilight
clois-teac, a beifry

chaob-flears, a garland

cat-caine, back-biting

caoip-feoit, mutton
taois-feoit, veal
muic-feoit, pork, bacon
maine-feoit, beef

tam-oia, a household god

tam-euoac, a handkerchief, a napkin tam-ono, a hand-sledge

tert-reut,* an excuse

bneus, a lie, and ni, a king bun, a source, origin, and rnut, a stream cat, a battle, and bann, top, head

ctos, a clock, bell, and ceac, a house chaob, a branch, and rtears, a wreath cut, the back of the head, and came, talk reoit, flesh; caopa, a sheep taos, a calf; muc, a pig

tám, a hand; Oia. God; eudac, a cloth; ónd, a sledge

teat, a half, and resut, a story

on-riac, a sceptre; on, gold; and riac, a rod cin-snao, patriotism; είη, country; and snao, love

^{*5}ab mo tert-resent I beg your pardon. (Lit. Accept my excuse).

Class B.

bnac carre, a winding-sheet (a garment of death). rean ceoit, a musician (a man of music).

rear reara, a seer (a man of knowledge; rior, gen. reara).

reap tize, a householder (a man of a house).
mac tipe, a wolf (son of (the) country).

cú mapa, an otter (a hound of the sea; muip, gen mapa).

taot mapa, a seal (a calf of the sea).

rear ionaio, a lieutenant, vicegerent (a man of place) ceac orca, an inn, hotel (a house of entertainment).
maisircin recite, a schoolmaster (a master of a school).

ut cince, a hen-egg (an egg of a hen.)

bean rive or bean c-rive, a fairy (a woman of the rivo, a fairy hill).

466. A Noun and an Adjective.

άρτο-ρί, a high king.

άρο-τιξεαμπα, a sovereign lord.

άρο-ρειm, supreme power, chief power.

ctaon-operc, partiality; ctaon, inclined: and operc, a judgment.

cnom-teac, a druidical altar; cnom, bent; and teac, a stone, flag.

υλοη-υρειτ, condemnation; υλοη, condemned. υλοη-οςιλό, a bond-slave; οςιλό, a servant.

veanthatain (veant-that veant, real or true. oeinbriún, sister a blood.

tain), a brother by blood bnatain and riun, brother and sister (in religion).

rion-uirse, spring water: rion, true, pure; uirse, water. Saint-fion, a tempest: Sant, rough; and rion, weather. sinn-tiato, a hare: seann, short; and mato, a deer. nuao-ouine, an upstart: nuao, new, fresh; and ouine, a person.

rean-atain, a grandfather, rean-rean-atain (re-reanatain), a great grandfather

rean-matain. grandmother.

rean-aoir, old age.

rean-neact, the old law.

cneun-rean, a brave man.

cneun-taoc, a hero.

raon-reato, a freehold: reato, possession.

cnom-tuite, a nightmare.

uarat-atam, a patriarch.

raoib-ciatt, folly, silliness: raob, silly; and ciatt, sense roin-bniatan, an adverb: roin, before; and bniatan, a word.

roin-imeall, a frontier, extremity; imeall, a border, a

roin-oneit, a prejudice (a fore-judgment).

roin-neant, violence.

roin-éixean, oppression, compulsion.

rean, old; ataın, a father. mátain, a mother: neact, law; oute is a more common word for law.

Formation of Adjectives.

467. (a) Adjectives may be formed from many nouns by the addition of $\triangle C$ or $C \triangle C$, which signifies full of, abounding in. All these adjectives belong to the first declension, and are declined like of peac.

NOUN.

reans, anger
ruit, blood
reun, grass
buaro, victory
bneus, a lie
oiceatt, one's best endea-

vour

rearam, standing 5no, work ctú, fame raotan, toil túb, a loop raosat, life rait, sufficiency Alba, Scotland Sacrain, England cnaob, branch cannais. a rock bnon, sorrow rat, dirt rior, knowledge atar, joy poiltior, sorrow

ADJECTIVE.

reapsac, angry ruiteac, bloody reupac, grassy buadac, victorious bpeusac, false, lying viceatlac, energetic

rearmac, steadfast snotac, husy clúiceac, famous raotrac, industrious túbac, deceitful raostac, long-lived ratac, satiated Albanac, Scotch Sacranac, English chaobac, branchy cainseac, rocky bnónac, sorrowful ratac, dirty riorac, intelligent atarac, joyous voitsiopae, sorrowful NOUN.
ctear, a trick
curre, weariness
urre, water
neut, a cloud
teant, a child
saot, wind
immide, anxiety
cumact, power
neuts, a star
aine, care
roisio, patience
easta, fear
coit, a will
cumam, heed

10manca, too much

ADJECTIVE. ctearac, tricky cumpeac, weary uirseac, watery neutac, cloudy teanbac, childish Saotac, windy imniceac, anxious cúmačcać, powerful neutrac, starry ameac, attentive roisioeac, patient eastac, timid coitceanac, willing cunamac, careful 10mancac, excessive, copious

(b). Many adjectives are formed by adding man to nouns.

All these adjectives belong to the first declension and are declined like mon.

NOUN.

ΔΌ, luck

ceot, music

ciatt, sense

ciattmap, sensible

reup, grass

reoit, flesh

ronn, fancy

ADJECTIVE.

Δόmap, lucky.

ceotmap, musical

ciattmap, sensible

reupmap, grassy

reoimap, fleshy

ronnmap, desirous

NOUN.

5toin, glory Sneann, fun tuac, price, value tion, number neanc, strength rsat, a shadow tuc, activity

ADJECTIVE.

stopman, glorious Kneannman, funny tuacman, valuable tionman, numerous neancman, powerful rzátman, shy, startled tútman, active, nimble

(c). Yery many adjectives are formed from nouns by the addition of amail or eamail (both pronounced oo-il or u-wil). All these adjectives belong to the third declension.

NOUN.

rean, a man bean, a woman rlait, a prince ainm, a name mear, esteem tá (pl. taeże), a day Spáin, hatred cans (pl. cámoe), a friend nama (pl. náimoe), an enemy náimoeamait, hostile cnorde, a heart ní (gen. níoż), a king caoi (pl. caoite), a way man, order

sean, affection moo, manner

ADJECTIVE.

respainant, manly beanamait, womanly rlaiteamail, generous ainmeamait, renowned mearamail, estimable Laeteamail, daily Snámeamait, hateful cámoeamant, friendly cnordeamail, hearty, gav niotamait, kingly, royal caoiteamail, opportune manamant, subject, docile obedient Seanamail, affectionate

mooamail, mannerly

noun.

cip (pl. ciopca), country

meipneac,
mipneac,
courage
ceine (pl. ceince), fire
ptiat, (pl. pteince), a mountain
speann, fun
eun, a bird
comuppa, a neighbour
bapancap, authority

ADJECTIVE.

tiontamant, country-like, homely, social

mirneaman, courageous

rteinceamait, fiery, igneous rteinceamait, mountain-

Speannamait, funny, gay eunamait, bird-like, airy comunramait, neighbourly banancamait, authentic

(d). There is a fourth class of adjectives formed by the termination OA (OA); but it is not as large as the three preceding classes. The following are some of the principal ones:—

υιανα, godly, divine
reapva, masculine
ταπολ, feminine
ορόλ, golden, gilt
ταος να, heroic
reanva, ancient
σλοπολ (υλοπολ) human
τράπολ, ugly
τρόνλ, brave
τρόνλ, brave
τρόνλ, lively
ταιτίνη, exotic or foreign
πλοπόλ (πλοπόλ), holy
saintly

Compound adjectives are extremely common in Irish, being usually formed by the union of two or more simple adjectives (sometimes of a noun and an

adjective); but these compound adjectives present no difficulty once the simple adjectives have been mastered.

FORMATION OF VERBS

468. Verbs can be readily formed from nouns and adjectives by the addition of 15 or 115. The addition of this termination is sometimes accompanied by syncope, which often necessitates slight vowel changes in accordance with the rule "caot te caot."

469. (a). Yerbs derived from Nouns.

NOUN.

Annm, a name

beata, life

cumne, memory

curo, a part

cut, the back of the head raotan, exertion cuant, a visit tear, improvement neart, strength act, a decree bar, death cat, a battle ceim, a step enioc, an end cut, a trembling

VERB (Stem).

Annunt, name
beacut, nourish
cumit, remember
curous te, assist (take part
with)

with)
cutuit, retire
raothuit, exert
cuaptuit, visit, search
teapuit, improve
neaptuit, strengthen
actuit, decree, enact
baruit, put to death
catuit, contend, fight
ceimnit, step, advance
cpiocnuit, finish
cputuit, tremble

NOUN.

Sonca, hunger, injury 10mao, multitude ono, an order rotur, a light cur (cor), a beginning cheoin, a guide pian, pain obain, work

VERB (Stem).

50ncuit, injure

10maouit, multiply

6nouit, order, command

roittrit, enlighten

coruit, begin

reconuit, guide, lead

pianuit, cause pain

oibnit, work

(b). Yerbs derived from Adjectives.

ADJECTIVE.

ano, high bán, white out, black bovan, deaf buan, lasting rottur, apparent ruan, cold Las, weak rlan, well cipim, dry bocc, poor ceant, right min, fine irrot, low umat, humble ratooin, rich

VERB (Stem).

anouis, raise bánuis, whiten ououis, blacken boonuis, deafen, bother buanuit preserve poiltris, reveal, show ruanuis, cool, chill Lazuit, weaken rtanuit, make well, cure cionmuis, or chimis, dry boccuis, impoverish ceancuis, correct minit, make fine, explain irtis, lower umtuis, humble raiobnis, enrich

The compound verbs are very few, and are therefore of little consequence to the beginner.

PART III.—SYNTAX.

CHAPTER L

The Article.

- 476. In Irish the article always precedes its noun, and agrees with it in gender, number and case as, an reap, the man; na pip, the men; an rip, of the man; na mna, of the woman.
- 471. When one noun governs another in the genitive case the article cannot be used with the first noun: as, mac an fip, the son of the man; reap an cige, the man of the house, &c.

Notice the difference between the son of the man, mac an fin, and a son of the man, mac vo'n fean.

- Exceptions. (1) When a demonstrative adjective is used with the first noun (the governing one), the article must also be used; as, tá an teat pain mo capar to roiot, that house of my friend's is for sale.
- (2) If the two nouns form a compound word, the article is used before the first, if used in English: a newspaper, paipeup nuaroeacca; but, the newspaper, an paipeup nuaroeacca.

(3) When the noun in the genitive case is an indefinite* one, which denotes a part of something, the material of which a thing is made, or the contents of the first noun, the article is used with the first noun when it is used in English:—

an speim apain, the piece of bread.

an mata mine, the bag of meal.

an chuirsin uirse, the little jug of water.

We say but apain, for, the taste of bread; botaten; the smell of fish; mac pios, the son of a king; because if the noun in the genitive expresses quality, connection, or origin, the governing noun does not take the article.

472. If a nominative be followed by several genitives the article can be used only with the last (if "the" be used in English), as, thume tinn an capatt, the weight of the horse's head.

The article is often omitted before a noun which is antecedent to a relative clause; as, 17 é oume oo oi ann. He is the person who was there.

- 473. In the following cases the definite article is frequently used in Irish though not used in English.
- (1) Before surnames, when not preceded by a Christian name, as, Raib an Dieatnac ann? Was Walsh there?



- (2) Before the names of some countries, as, an Spainn, Spain; an France; pi na n-Eipeann, the king of Ireland: also before Rome, 'ran Roim, in Rome; o'n Roim, from Rome. The article is not used before the names of Ireland, England or Scotland in the nominative and dative cases.
- (3) Before abstract nouns: an τ -ocpap, hunger. If mait an τ -anntann an τ -ocpap. Hunger is a good sauce.

We frequently use an bár for "death."

The article is not used in such sentences, as:

τά οτραγ ορω. I am hungry.

- (4) Before nouns qualified by the demonstrative adjectives: an reap rain, that man; an bean ro, this woman.
 - (5) Before adjectives used as nouns:

an mait agur an t-otc, goodness and badness.

17 reapp tiom an glar ná an veapg. I prefer green to red.

- (6) After "Ce" meaning "which" or "what."
 Cé an rean? Which man?
 Cé an teaban? What book?
- (7) To translate "apiece," "per" or "a" before words expressing weight and measure;

Raol an ceann. Sixpence apiece.

In speaking of a period of time ra (inr an) is used: as, uain ra mbliabain, once a year.

(8). Before titles:

An c-acain Cosan ua Spamna. Father Eugene O'Growney.

An c-acain Pearan ua Laogaine. Father Peter O'Leary.

An ooctuin Outstar Oe n-foe. Dr. Douglas Hyde.

(9) To express any attribute:

A bean na ochi mbo. O woman of three cows.

(10) The article is used before the word denoting the use to which a thing is put, or the place where a thing is found or produced.

mata na mine. The meal bag, i.e., the bag for holding meal.

Chuirsin an uirse. The water-jug.

Compare these with the following:—
An mala mine. The bag of meal.
An entire in uire. The jug of water.

- (11) Before the word "uite" meaning "every."

 An uite reap. Every man.

 An uite tip. Every country.
- (12) Whenever an indefinite noun, accompanied by an adjective is predicated of a pronoun by means of the verb 17, the definite article must be used with the noun whenever the adjective is placed immediately after the verb.

Ir bheat an ta é. It is a fine day.
Ir mait an rean tú. You are a good mad

(13) Before the names of seasons, months, days of the week (when not preceded by the word oe).

An é an Satann atá againn? Is to-day Saturday?

An involu an luan? Is this Monday?

An e reo an luan? Is this Monday?

Involu an Aome. To-day is Friday.

CHAPTER II

The Noun.

474. In Irish one noun governs another in the genitive case, and the governed noun comes after the governing one.

Ceann an capaitt. The horse's head.

The noun, capailt, in the genitive case is aspirated by the article because it is musculine gender. It would not be aspirated if it were feminine. (See par. 40.)

475. When the governed noun in the genitive is a proper name it is generally aspirated, whether it be masculine or feminine, although the article is not used.

peann maine. Mary's pen. Leapan Seasain. John's book.

The last rule is by no means generally true of place names.

476. When the noun in genitive case has the force of an adjective, it is not preceded by the article, but its initial consonant is subject to precisely the same rules, with regard to aspiration and eclipsis, as if it were a simple adjective, i.e., it is aspirated if the governing noun be nominative or accusative singular feminine, or genitive singular masculine. It is eclipsed if the governing noun be in the genitive plural.

ub cince, a hen-egg (an egg of a hen).
uibe cince, of a hen-egg.
reap ceoit, a musician.
rip ceoit, of a musician.
na breap 5ceoit, of the musicians.

- 477. Apposition has almost entirely disappeared in modern Irish, the second noun being now usually in the nominative case, no matter what the case of the first may be.
- 478. A noun used adjectively in English is translated into Irish by the genitive case.

A gold ring, rainne oin (lit. a ring of gold).

A hen-egg, ut cince.

Oatmeal, min coince.

479. Collective nouns (except in their own plurals) always take the article and qualifying adjectives in the singular; they sometimes take a plural pronoun, and may take a plural verb.

Cángaran an burbean cupat rin to tatain finn agur to beannuit riat to. That company of warriors came into the presence of Finn, and saluted him (tit. to him).

480. Nouns denoting fulness or a part of anything are usually tollowed by the preposition oe and the dative case, but the genitive is also used.

ceann (or ξασάρ) σ'άρ ηξασραίο, one of our hounds.

bάρρ mo ορόιξε, the top of my shoe.

tán mo συίρη, the full of my fist.

In phrases such as "some of us," "one of them," &c., "of us," "of them," &c., are usually translated by again, aca, &c.; but oinn, viou, &c., may also be used.

481. The personal numerals from viar to vareus inclusive (see par. 177) generally take their nouns in the genitive plural: being mag, two sons; naonban reap, nine men (lit. two of sons, nine of men).

A thinh mac agur a ochinh ban. His three sons and their three wives.

482. When used partitively they take oe with the dative.

Daio re naondan viou ra'n loc. He drowned nine of them under the lake. Naon naondan ve maonaid na n-Eineann. Nine times nine of the stewards of Erin.

Personal Nouns.

483. An Irish name consists of two parts, the ainmbairor (or simply ainm), which corresponds to the English Christian name, and the rtoinnear, the surname or family name.

Surnames were first used in Ireland about the eleventh century: until that time every Irish personal name was significant, and sometimes rendered more so by the application of some epithet. "In the early ages individuals received their names from epithets implying some personal peculiarity, such as colour of hair, complexion, size, figure, certain accidents of deformity, mental qualities, such as bravery, fierceness, &c." Joyce's "Irish Names of Places."

484. When the Christian name is used in addressing a person, it is always in the vocative case, and preceded by the particle α , which causes aspiration, e.g.:

ran tiom, a Seagáin. Wait for me, John. Oia ouic, a Seumair. Good morning, James.

485. When the Christian name is in the genitive case, it is aspirated, e.g.:

Leavan Maine. Mary's book. S51an Seoippe. George's knife.

486. Surnames when not preceded by a Christian name usually take the termination AC, which has the force of a patronymic (or father-name), and are declined like mancac (par. 57). They are usually preceded by the article except in the vocative case: an Paopac, Power; capattan Opianais, O'Brien's horse

Two forms are admissible in the vocative case; facility of pronunciation is the best guide, e.g., 5ab 1 test, a bruanait. Come here, O'Brien. A thic ui Laotaine, O'Leary. A thic ui Suidne, MacSweeney.

- 487. Surnames occurring in Ireland to-day are of three classes: (1) Surnames of Gaelic origin. These in almost every instance have the prefix O (Ua) or mac for a male, and ni or nic for a female. (2) Surnames of old fcreign origin. The majority of these have no prefix. (3) Surnames of late foreign origin. Only a few of these have acquired a distinct form, pronounced in an Irish way.
- 488. When the surname is preceded by any of the words O (Ua), Mac, Ni, Nic, the surname is in the genitive case, and is aspirated after Ni or Nic, but not after O or Mac: e.g., Seasan Mac Oomnaitt, John McDonnell; Maine Ni Conaitt, Mary O'Connell; Oiapmuio O Conaitt, Dermot O'Connell; Nora McDonnell.
- 489. When the whole name is in the genitive case, the words after ui (gen. of O or ua) and thic (gen. of mac) are aspirated; ni and nic do not change in genitive. teadap Seumair ui Opiain, James O'Brien's book; bo Opiain thic Oomnaitt, Brian McDonnell's cow.
- 490. Mac and O aspirate when they really mean "son" and "grandson" respectively.

mac Oomnaitt, Donal's son.
mac Oomnaitt, McDonnell.
O Olivain, Brian's grandson.
O Oniain, O'Brien.

491. Some surnames take the article after \max and $\min_{i=1}^{n} e_i g_i$:

Seumar Mac an Vaino, James Ward. nona nic an Ultais, Nora McNulty.

CHAPTER III. The Adjective.

492. An adjective may be used either predicatively or attributively. An adjective is used predicatively when it is predicated of a noun by a verb, and in this case it is usually separated from the noun by the verb. "The way was long, the wind was cold." "The day is fine." "He made the mantles green." "Long," "cold," "fine," and "green" are used predicatively. An adjective is used attributively whenever it is not separated from the noun by the verb, and is not predicated of a noun by a verb: as, "The infirm old minstrel went wearily along." "He made the green mantles." The adjectives "infirm," "old," and "green" are here used attributively.

493. In Irish almost every common adjective can be used both predicatively and attributively. There are, however, one or two exceptions: proc, bad, and peat, good, can never be used predicatively. If "bad" or "good" be used predicatively in the English sentence, we must use otc, bad, or mait, good, in Irish. Never say or write if peat e for "he is good," but if mait é, &c.

The adjective 10moa is always used predicatively with 1r. In Munster 'mo is used instead of 10moa.

Ir iomoa mancac oo sab an cruse reo.
('Tis) many a rider (that) has gone this way.

ADJECTIVE USED ATTRIBUTIVELY.

- (a) The Position of the Adjective.
- 494. As a general rule the adjective follows its noun in Irish: as, teaban mon, a big book; rean mart, a good man.
- Exceptions. (1) A numeral adjective, whether ordinal or cardinal, when it consists of one word, always precedes its noun: as the ba, three cows; va cinc, two hens. The interrogative, possessive, and most of the indefinite adjectives also precede their noun.
- (2) Monosyllabic adjectives are frequently placed before the noun, but then the noun and adjective form a compound noun, and consequently the initial of the noun is aspirated, when possible. This is

always the case with adjectives: veat, good; vnoc, bad; rean, old; and frequently with nuav, new; and rion, true. In this position the form of the adjectives never changes for number or case, but it is subject to the very same initial changes as if it were a noun.

rean-rean, an old man; rean-rin, old men. cheun-rean, a brave man; άμο-μί, a high king. an crean-rean, the old woman; tám an crean-rin, the hand of the old man.

(3) When a name consists of two words the adjective frequently comes between them: as, "Stiab Seat 5Cua," "the bright Slieve Gua."

(b) Agreement of the Adjective.

When an adjective is used attributively and follows its noun, it agrees with the noun in gender, number, and case: as, bean mon, a big woman; mac an fin moin, the son of the big man; na fin mona, the big men.

For the aspiration and eclipsis of the adjective see par. 149.

495. Since the adjective in English has no inflexion for gender, it is quite a common thing to have one adjective qualifying two or more nouns of different genders. Sometimes in Irish we meet with one adjective qualifying two nouns of different genders or numbers; in such cases the adjective follows the

latter noun, and agrees with it alone. However, the more usual method is to use the adjective after each noun: as,

Fean mait agur bean mait. A good man and woman.

ADJECTIVE USED PREDICATIVELY.

(a) Position of the Adjective.

496. An adjective used predicatively always follows its noun, except when it is predicated by means of the verb 1S, in any of its forms, expressed or understood.

The men are good, Tá na rin mait.
The day is fine, Tá an tá bneát.

If the verb up be used in these sentences, notice the position of the adjective and the use of the pronoun.

The men are good, 1r mait na rin iao.
The day is fine, 1r bneat an ta é.

(b) Agreement of the Adjective.

An adjective used predicatively never agrees with its noun in either gender, number, or case: in other words, the simple form of the adjective is always used.

Moreover, it is never aspirated nor eclipsed by the noun.

497. When the adjective comes immediately after the Past Tense or Conditional of 17 (i.e., ba or buo),

its initial is generally aspirated, when possible; but in this case it is not the noun which causes aspiration.

ba bpeat on to e. It was a fine day.

498. Notice the difference in meaning between the following: --

Rinne ré seup na rseana Rinne ré na rseana seup Cá an bó móp oub. Cá an bó oub móp. Cá an oroce oopca rliuc. Cá an oroce fliuc oopca.

Rinne re na rzeana zeuna

He made the sharp knives. He made the knives sharp.

The big cow is black.
The black cow is big.
The night is dark and wet.
The wet night is dark.

499. Adjectives denoting fulness or a part of anything are usually followed by oe with the dative case:

full of milk, tan ve vainne.

two barrels full of water, oá vapaite tán o' uirge.

NUMERAL ADJECTIVES.

Position of the Words.

500. A numeral adjective, whether ordinal or cardinal, when it consists of one word, goes before the noun.

ceithe capailt, four horses; re caoinis, six sheep.
an ceur buacailt, the first boy.

The words for 40, 60, 80, 200, 300, &c., also precede their nouns.

501. A numeral adjective, except those just mentioned, consisting of two or more words, takes its noun immediately after the first part of the numeral: as.

ceithe capaill oeug, fourteen horses.

vá uan oeug, twelve lambs.

vá buin oeug ir chí picro, seventy-two cows.

502. When we wish to express large numbers in Irish, we may either place the unit digit first, then the tens, next the hundreds, and so on; or we may express them in the English order. Convenience for utterance and clearness of sense are the best guides in any particular case.

The word AJUS is generally used with the larger numbers CéAO, Mile, etc., and 15 with the smaller ones.

- 129 miles, céao (mite) agur naoi mite riceao.
- 79 horses, naoi scapaill béas ip chí picio.
- 5,635 men, cúis mite asur ré céad rean asur cúis rin déas an ricio.
- 356 sheep, τέ caoipis σέας τη σά τίζιο ας μη (αρ) τρί ζέασ.
- 1,666 years, ré bliadna ir thí ricio azur (an) ré céad azur (an) míte.
- 519 Α.Δ., Δοιγ το 'n τιξεληπα cúις τέλτο αξυγ πλοι τέλς.
- 52,000 of the Roman army of mile very in of ficto mile ve fluas Romanac.

More than 400 years, cuitle(at) (their) agur ceithe cear bliatain.

About 80, cuaipim te (or ciméeall te) ceitpe pièro.

The word ruise is often added to make it clear that miles not thousands is meant. Se mile ruise, or re mile roel ruise, six miles.

- 503. The initials of the numerals undergo the very same changes with regard to aspiration and eclipsis as a noun would in the same position.
- 504. The article prefixes c to sommar, first, and to occmare, eighth, whether the following noun be masculine or feminine: as,

an c-octman bean, the eighth woman.

Initial Changes produced by the Numerals.

505. Aon, one; va, two; ceuv, first; and thear, third, aspirate the initial of the following word: as,

aon oo amain, one cow; an ceuro reap, the first

- 506. Aon, prefixes τ to the letter r; but has no effect on το or τ: Aon arat amáin, one ass; Aon cor amáin, one foot; Aon τραξαίτ amáin, one priest; Aon τριατ amáin, one rod; Aon τρεατάς amáin, one hawk; τά γεατάς, two hawks; Aon ταοτ amáin, one side.
- 507. Seact, seven; oct, eight; naoi, nine; and reic, ten; and their compounds eclipse the initial

of the following noun and prefix n to yowels; react mba, seven cows; beid n-ubta, ten apples.

508. Thi, ceithe, chis and re have usually no effect on consonants (except ceup, 100, and mite, 1000); but thi, ceithe, re, and dana prefix n to vowels: as, thi ba, three cows; thi n-apail, three asses; re n-ubla, six apples; 'ran dana h-aic, in the second place; thi ceup, 300; ceithe mite, 4000.

Cpi, ceitpe, cúiξ and ré (as well as react, oct, &c.), cause eclipsis in the genitive plural: a bean πα τοτρί πιτο. O woman of three cows! tuac ceitpe bpúnt four pound's worth.

The Number of the Noun after the Numerals.

- 509. The noun after aon is always in the singular, even in such numbers as 11, 21, 3!, 41, &c. The other numerals (except oa) may take the singular number when unity of idea is expressed: e.g., aon ubalt oeas, eleven apples; oeanmad ré an na thi buille 'bualad. He forgot to strike the three blows.
- 510. When a noun has two forms in the plural, a short form and a long one, the short form is preferred after the numerals: as

naoi n-uaine, nine times; not naoi n-uaineanna.

511. In Modern Irish the numerals pice, 20; vá picro, 40, &c., ceuro, 100; mite, 1,000, are regarded as simple numeral adjectives which take the noun after them in the singular number.

- 512. This peculiar construction has arisen from the fact that these numerals are really nouns, and formerly governed the nouns after them in the genitive plural. As the genitive plural of most Irish nouns has exactly the same form as the nominative singular, the singular form has come to be almost universally used in Modern Irish after these numerals. Formerly they would use ceuo ban and pice 240pac, but now we use ceuo bean and pice caopa.
- 513. The word ceann and its plural cinn are often used with numerals when the noun is not expressed in English: as, Ca meuo (an'mó) teadan αξας? Τά τό ceann τους αξαπ. How many books have you? I have twelve.

There is one of them in the house.

The Dual Number.

514. Oá, "two," always takes the noun after it in the dual number (neither singular nor plural), which in every Irish noun has the same form as the dative singular. This does not at all imply that the noun after vá is in the dative case. It is in the dative singular form, but it may be in any of the five cases, according to its use in the sentence. All the cases of the dual number are alike, but the form of the genitive plural is often used for the genitive dual: vá buin, two cows; vá zábainn, two smiths; tán a vá tám or tán a vá tám, the full of his two hands.

515. The article which qualifies a noun in the dual number will always be in the singular form.

516. The adjective which qualifies a noun in the dual number will be in the plural form, but really in the dual number; the pronouns belonging to the noun will be in the plural form; and the verb may, but need not be; because in these parts of speech the dual number and the plural number have the same forms.

517. The initial of an adjective* qualifying and agreeing with a noun in the dual number will be aspirated, no matter what the gender or case of the noun may be: as,

δά τις δeus,

twelve houses.

an và làim bảna,

the two white hands.

lán a vá láim beas,

the full of her two little hands.

518. The varphi of varphi is usually aspirated, except after words ending in varphi, varphi, varphi, varphi, varphi dentals), or after the possessive adjective varphi, her.

a vá čoir veaza,

her two little feet.

^{*} Except demonstrative, possessive, indefinite, and interrogative adjectives.

The Possessive Adjective.

- 519. A possessive adjective can never be used without a noun: as, her father and his, a n-atain agur a atain.
- 520. The possessive adjectives always precede their nouns: as, mo matain, my mother.
- 521. The possessives mo, my; vo, thy; and a, his, aspirate the initial of their nouns; án, our; vun, your; and a, their, cause eclipsis: as, a ván, his poem; vo mátain, thy mother; a ván, her poem; a nván, their poem.
- 522. If a noun begins with a vowel, mo, my, and το, thy, become m' and τ' (τ or t); a, his, has no effect; a, her, prefixes n; and a, their, prefixes n; áp, our, and τυρ, your, also prefix n to vowels: as, a ataip, his father; a n-ataip, her father; a n-ataip, their father; m' feap, my husband; τ'eun, your bird; áp n-apán taeteamait, our daily bread; τυρ n-atpán, your song.
- 523. The possessive adjectives, when compounded with prepositions (see par. 186), have the same influence over the initials of their nouns as they have in their uncompounded state: as, com matain, to my mother; om tip, from my country.

524. When the portion of a thing which belongs to one or more persons is to be expressed by the possessive adjectives, the name of the thing is preceded by curo, with the possessive adjective before it. The name of the thing is in the genitive case—genitive singular if quantity be implied, but genitive plural if number—as, my bread, mo curo apain (lit. my share of bread); his wine, a curo piona; their horses, a scuro capatt.

This rule is not always followed; for instance, we sometimes find m'rion, my wine; but mo curo riona is more idiomatic.

525. The word curo is never used in this way before the name of a single object.

mo teadap, my book; a scapatt, their horse.

- a teadap, his book; but a curo teadap, his books.
- a bó, her cow; a curo bó, her cows.
- 526. The word curo is not used in such phrases as mo cora, my feet; mo ruite, my eyes; a cnama, his bones, &c.
- 527. When the emphatic suffix is used, some make it follow curo; others make it follow the noun: as, mo curo-re anain or mo curo anain-re.

CHAPTER IV.

THE PRONOUN.

Personal Pronoun.

- 528 The personal pronouns agree with the nouns for which they stand in gender, number and person: as, He is a big man. 1r mon an reap é. They are big men. 1r mon na rin 120.
- 529. A personal pronoun which stands for a noun the gender of which is different from its sex, agrees in gender with the sex of the noun; as, 1r mait an cartin i. She is a good girl. 1r otc an comuppa é. He is a bad neighbour.
- 530. In Irish we have no neuter pronoun corresponding to the English "it;" hence, in translating "it," we must determine the gender of the Irish noun (masculine or feminine) and then use re (he) or ri (she) accordingly:* as, It is terrible weather. 1r cautte an aimpir i. Is to-day Friday? An i an Aoine aca againn? Oob i an ripinne i. It was the truth. Tá an carúp agam, ni ruit re thom. I have the hammer, it is not heavy.

Notice also-

or mo dapamail mo tuainim, &c. It is my opinion, &c., &c.



^{*} The word áit although feminine takes sometimes a masculine pronoun, as, if vear an áit é. It is a nice place.

- 631. The pronoun τu , thou, is always used to translate the English "you" when only one person is referred to; as, How are you? Cionnar τu τu ? What a man you are! Mac τu an reap!
- 532. The personal pronouns, whether nominative or accusative, always come after the verb; as, motann ré tú, he praises you.
- 533. The disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns are used immediately after the verb 1S in any of its forms expressed or understood; as, if é an reap táidip é. He is a strong man. An é a ruaip é? Was it he who found it? Nac í v'ingean í? Is she not your daughter?
- 534. A personal pronoun which stands for a sentence, or part of a sentence, is third person singular, masculine gender: An puo Aoubaint mé, ir é aoeinim apir. What I said, I repeat.
- 535. The accusative personal pronoun usually comes last in the sentence or clause to which it belongs: as, O'ras re an an air rin 120. He left them at that place. Rus re teir mite eite é. He brought it with him another mile. O'rasar im viaiv é. I left it after me.

Relative Pronoun.

636. The relative particle follows its antecedent and precedes its verb: as, an rean a coology, the man who will sleep.

- 537. The relative particle, whether expressed or understood, always causes aspiration: as, an reap *ear as obtain, the man who will be at work.
- 538. The relative when preceded by a preposition causes eclipsis (unless the verb be in the Past Tense). When the relative a signifies "all that" or "what" it causes eclipsis: as, an aic in-a b-ruit ré, the place in which he is; a bruit i mbaite-Aca-Ctiac, all that is in Dublin.
- 539. When the relative is governed by a preposition and followed by a verb in the Past Tense, the relative combines with no (the old sign of the Past Tense), and does not eclipse: an áic an cuic aoo, the place where (in which) Hugh fell.
- 540. The eight verbs which do not admit of the compounds of no being used before them (see par. 279) form an exception to the last rule: as, an cin 1 n-a ocainize re, the country into which he came.
- 541. In English, when the relative or interrogative pronoun is governed by a preposition, the pronoun very often comes before the governing word: as, What are you speaking about? The man that he gave the book to is here. In colloquial Irish it is a very common practice to separate the relative particle from the preposition which governs it; but instead of using a simple preposition at the end of the sentence, as in English, we use a prepositional pronoun. Thus we

can say—an reap as a bruit an bo, or more usually, ar reap a bruit an bo aise,* the man who has the cow; an reap ap biotar an capatt teir, or an reap tep biotar an capatt, the man to whom I sold the horse.

542. The forms pape or pape, pape, tepp, mape, &c., are compounds of a preposition, relative particle; "po," the sign of the Past Tense; and ba or but the Past Tense of ip.

van v = vo + a + no + va = vo whom was. ten v = te + a + no + va = with or by whom was.

as, bean dand ainm buisio, a woman whose name was Brigid.

543. As the accusative case of the relative particle has exactly the same form as the nominative, the context must determine, in those tenses in which the verb has no distinct termination for the relative, whether the relative particle is the subject or object of the verb; an rean a bualt Seasan, may mean, The man whom John struck, or The man who struck John.

Translation of the Genitive Case of the English Relative.

544. The Irish relative has no inflection for case: hence, in order to translate the English word "whose"

^{*} an rean 50 b-ruit an bó aixe is also used.



when not an interrogative, we must use one of the prepositions $(a_{5}, o_{0}, 1)$ +relative particle+possessive adjective (before the noun).

The man whose son was sick.

an reap
$$\begin{cases} 0 \delta \\ a \delta \delta \\ 1 & n-a \end{cases}$$
 paid a mac cinn.

but va, asa, or 'sa, 1 n-a are often shortened to a, so, and 'na; hence the above sentence in colloquial Irish would be—

an reap
$$\left\{\begin{array}{c} a \\ 50 \\ 'na \end{array}\right\}$$
 paib a mac tinn.

The woman whose son is sick visited us yesterday.

an bean to
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 50 \\ {}^{7}54 \\ \&c. \end{array} \right\} \text{ bruit a mac tinn taining pi}$$
 an cuaint into cusainn.

545. To translate the English relative pronoun when governed by an active participle, we employ a somewhat similar construction; as—

The hare that the hounds are pursuing.

An sinnfiad so bruit na sadain an a tons (or an a toin, or as tonaiseact ain).

The man whom I am striking.

An rean atá agam 'á (o'á, \$á) buatab.

546. The relative a meaning all that, what, may itself be genitive; as, thian a half ann, a third of what were there. "Deip beannact om choice cum a maineann an vanchoic Cipeann ois." "Bear a blessing from my heart to all those who live on the fair hills of Holy Ireland."

The relative a in this sentence is genitive case being governed by cum (see par. 603).

CHAPTER V.

The Verb.

547. As a general rule the verb precedes its nominative: as, tá ré, he is; bí an rean ann, the man was there.

Exceptions. (1) When the subject is a relative or an interrogative pronoun the verb comes after its subject; as,

An buacaitt a buaitear me. The boy who strikes me.

Cao aca asac? What have you?

(2) In a relative sentence the nominative though not a relative pronoun may precede its verb; but as the noun is usually far separated from the verb, a

personal pronoun is used as a sort of temporary subject, so that really the noun and its pronoun are nominative to the same verb: as,

An reap ata 'na rearam as an copar buait re an capatt. The man who is standing at the door struck the horse.

Compare the similar use of the French pronoun σE ; or the English "He that shall persevere unto the end, he shall be saved."

(3) The nominative often precedes its verb in poetry, and sometimes even in prose.

Rat 50 paid opt! Success to you!

548. Transitive verbs govern the accusative case; and the usual order of words is, Yerb, Subject, Object. When the subject or object is a relative or an interrogative pronoun it precedes the verb.

Oo ninne Seatan an bao rain. John made that boat. Oo buait an buacaitt é. The boy struck him.

For the conditions under which a verb is aspirated or eclipsed, see pars. 21(g) and 26(c).

Use of the Subjunctive Mood.

549. The most frequent use of the present subjunctive is with the conjunction 50, expressing a wish. If the wish be negative use $N \hat{A} R$ (except with naib).

To mbeannuitio Dia ouic! May God bless you!

50 broinio Via opainn! God help us!

So océis củ rián! Safe home! (may you go

safely)!

nan teizio Oia mn! May God not allow that!

God forbid!

So paid mait agat! Thank you!

ná pair mait azat! No thanks to you!

550. The subjunctive is also used after no 50, 50 or ACC 50, all meaning "until"; and after muna, "unless," but only when there is an element of doubt.

Fan annyo 50 deasad apip.

Muna scheidid pib mé.

Muna deusaid eu an

C-airsea'd dom.

Stay here till I come again.
Unless you believe me.
Unless you give me the
money.

551. Sut a, Sut ra Sut má, Sut oá, all meaning 'before," when used with reference to an event not considered as an actual occurrence, take the subjunctive; as,

Imits tear rut a ocasaio an maisircin. Be off with you, before the master comes.

562. The past subjunctive is found after $\nabla \hat{A}$ or muna to express a supposed condition. They may also take a conditional. In translating the English phrases "if he believed," "if he had believed" (im-

plying that he did not believe), we use oa with the past subjunctive; but as this Tense is identical in form with the Imperfect Tense, it may be said that it is the Imperfect Tense which is employed in this case.

If you were to see Donal on the following day you would pity him.

Oá breicteá Domnall an maioin lá an n-a bánac bao thuat leat é.

If you were to give me that book.

Oá ocustá-ra oomra an teaban rin.

If it were true for him. Oá mbao ríon oó é.

All the particles given above can also be used with the past subjunctive in reference to past time.

553. In the passive voice the present and past subjunctive are identical in form with the Present and Imperfect Tenses (respectively) of the Indicative Mood.

May it be worn out well. So scattean so mait é. May it never be worn out. Nan caittean so des é If it were worn out. Oà scaittí é.

Relative Form of the Yerb.

554. The relative form of the verb is used after the relative particle a, when it is the subject of the verb; (but never after the negative relative nac, which or who...not). It has a distinct form in two, and only

two, Tenses—the *Present* and the *Future*. In these two Tenses it ends in ap or eap. In all the other Tenses the third person singular is used after the relative pronoun. The verb is aspirated after the relative, expressed or understood; but nac eclipses.

- tense is not used in the spoken Language of to-day (except in proverbs). In Connaught the final r of the relative form is added to the form for the 3rd person singular; e.g., an pean a buateannr, the man who strikes; an buacatt a turgeannr, the boy who understands. The literary form of the relative in the future tense is retained in full vigour in Connaught; e.g., an pean a buattear, the man who will strike. In Munster the relative form has entirely disappeared in both the present and the future tenses (except in proverbs). The 3rd person singular form has taken its place; e.g., an pean a buatteann, the man who strikes.
 - 556. As the relative has no inflection for case, ambiguity sometimes arises: e.g., an rean a buait Seakan, may mean, either the man who struck John, or, the man whom John struck. The context usually solves the difficulty. The following construction is sometimes employed in order to obviate any ambiguity:—

An reap sup buait Seasan The man who struck John.

An reap sup buait Seasan The man whom John struck.

557. Cionnup, how; nuaip, when; and map, as, are followed by the relative form of the verb in the Present and Future, and the verb is aspirated; but with cionnup a, cia an caoi, cia an nop, cia an moo, or any

other such locutions, the eclipsing a or ι (in which) is used before the verb. Before the Past Tense, of course, an (a+no) is used. Connup a bruit τu ? How are you?

man is also followed by the ordinary Present and Future.

- 558. Sul, "before," has two usages. It may be followed by the relative forms—e.g., rut though ré, rut thanks ré; or else it may be followed by one of the particles a, má, rá, vá, all of which eclipse.
- **859.** After these particles, the Subjunctive Mood is often used when the event is future and uncertain, or contains a mental element: as—

1mtit lear rul a breició ré tú.

Be off (with you) before he sees you (i.e., so that he may not see you).

It is not correct to eclipse after the word rut, as rut ocainis, although sometimes done.

560. The relative form of the Present Tense is frequently used as a historic present, even when no relative occurs in the sentence: as—

noctar Cipemón vóiv. Eremon revealed to them.

The Verbal Noun and its Functions.

561. "Is there an Infinitive in Irish?" We give here Father O'Leary's answer to his own question, "Certainly not." In Irish there is neither an infinitive mood nor a present participle, both functions being discharged by the verbal noun. It follows from this statement that there is no such thing as a sign of the infinitive mood in Irish.

Ir mait tiom riubat.

I wish to walk.

Oubnar leir san ceacc.

I told him not* to come.

Tá onmra reiteam.

I have to wait.

Nion mait liom bean-ከሀቷልዕ Όዕ.

I did not wish to salute him.

rearam.

ní tiz te mála rolam An empty bag cannot stand.

562. In the above examples, and in thousands of similar ones, the Irish verbal noun is an exact equivalent in sense of the English infinitive, sign and all. If any one of the prepositions oo (or a), te or cum, be used before the verbal nouns in the above examples, the result is utter nonsense. Now consider the following examples :--

Ir mait tiom an botan oo I wish to walk the road. riubal.

Ir mait tiom rocat oo I wish to speak a word. Labaine.

^{*} Not before the English infinitive is translated by zan (a prep., without).

Outaine m'atain liom gan an capall to biol.

My father told me not to sell the horse.

Ir coin duit an reun do BAING.

You ought to cut the grass.

An réioin leac an cainc ? שוקקוחל סס

Can you understand the conversation?

Ir mian tiom litip to rsniobad.

I wish to write a letter.

563. The preposition on in the above examples and ones like them between the noun and the verbal noun, is very often, in the spoken language, softened to a: and this a is not heard before or after a vowel: as.

> Ir coin our comainte 'stacao. You ought to take advice.

564. In any sentence of the first set of examples there is question of only one thing; e.g., rubat, ceace, reiteam, &c., but in each of the sentences of the second set there is a relation between two things: e.g., botan and riubal, rocal and labaint, &c., and to express this relationship a preposition is used between If the relation between the nouns be the two nouns. altered the preposition must also be altered, as-

Cá bótap agam le piubal, TA rocal agam te tabaint, I have a word to say.

I bave a road to walk.

Tá capall agam le viol,

I have a horse for sale (to sell).

Cá reun agat le baint,

You have grass to cut.

565. There is still another preposition which can be used between the nouns to express another alteration in meaning—

Tá read cum comnuiste I have a house to live in. agam.

Tá capatt cum mancuis- He has a horse to ride on. eacta aise.

If in any one of these sentences the wrong preposition be employed the proper meaning cannot be expressed.

566. In translating the simple English infinitive of an intransitive verb, use the simple verbal noun in Irish: as,

He told me to go to Cork. Outaint re tio

An empty bag cannot stand.

It is impossible to write

without learning.

I prefer to walk.

He cannot stand.

Tell him to sit down.

Tell them to go away.

Oubaint ré tiom out so Concais.

Ní tig le mála **rola**m rearam.

Ni révoir repiodad san rostaim.

1r reapp tiom riubat.

Mí tig leir rearam.

Abain teir ruide rior.

Abain leo imteact.

567. When the English intransitive infinitive expresses purpose (i.e., the gerundial infinitive), use the preposition te.

He came to stay, Caims re le ranamainc.

I have a word to say, The rocal again te labaint.

You are to wait, Zá tú le reiteam.

I am to go, Caim te out.

568. When the English verb is transitive and in the simple infinitive (no purpose implied) use the preposition ∞ or the softened form α .

My father told me to buy Oubaint m'atain tiom a horse. Capatt to ceannac.

You ought to have out Da coin out an reun oo the grass.

He told me not to shut Oudaine ré tiom zan an the door. Oudaine ro dúnad.

Would you like to read An mian teat an teaban this book? ro to teizeat?

569. When the English infinitive is transitive, and also expresses purpose, use either Cun or to before the noun which is the object of the English infinitive, and OO before the verbal noun in Irish; cun takes

the noun after it in the genitive; te becomes terp before the article, and then causes eclipsis if the noun be singular.

He will come to judge the Ciocraio Se cum bliest-living and the dead.

eamnair to tabaint an beodaid agur an mand-

He came to buy a horse. Canna ré le capall oo ceannac.

He went to strike the men. Cuaro ré cun na bresp vo bustav.

He went to strike the man. Cuaro ré terr an brean oo buatao.

He said that to praise the Outling ré rin teir an girl. Scallin to molat.

He came to buy the horse. Cáinis ré cum an capaill a ceannac.

570. We can also express the above by means of the preposition to alone, but in this case we must put the verbal noun before the other noun. This latter will, of course, be now in the genitive case, because one noun governs another in the genitive case. This is the only governing power the verbal noun has in Irish.

He came to buy the horse. Caining ré vo ceannac an capaill.

He went to strike the man. Cuaro re oo bualao an rip.

Did you come to strike An ocangair to buatate John? Seatain?

He came to make fun. taining re oo beunam grinn.

They came to make war. Cansadap do deunam cosaid.

N.B.—This latter method is not often used in the spoken language.

571. When the English infinitive is passive, and also expresses purpose, use te.

He is to be hanged.

Tá ré te cnocao, or te beit cnocao.

The milk is to be drunk. Ca an bainne te n-ot (&c.). Cows are to be bought at the fair.

The grass is to be cut.

The house is to be sold.

There is no one to be seen on the road.

The grass is to be cut.

The house is to be sold.

The grass is to be cut.

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The grass is to be cut.

The grass is to be sold.

The grass is to be cut.

The grass is to be sold.

572. When a personal pronoun is the object of the English infinitive and the latter does not express purpose, we translate as follows:—

You ought not to strike me (ni coin out me oo buatao.

I wished to strike him. (Da mian tiom é oo buatao.

It is not right to strike (ni coin 120 00 bualato. them. (ni coin a mbualato.

It is a bad thing to wound for ote an nur me oo gonat.

The ote an nur me tonat.

I cannot understand it.

ni tis tiom a tuispinc (its understanding).

Could you tell me who it An révoin teat a* innrint was? oom cia 'no'é?

A desire to kill them came taining mian a manuta upon me. onmra.

In this sentence mantia is the genitive case (after the noun mian) of the verbal noun manta.

573. When the English infinitive governing a personal pronoun expresses purpose, we translate as follows:—

He came to strike me.

|Čáini5 ré oom bualao. |Čáini5 ré lemé oo bualao.

I went to strike them.

Cuaro mé o'á mouatao.

^{*}Whenever the object of the verbal noun is a phrase, it cannot be put in the genitive case, but the possessive adjective a is used before the verbal noun.

They are coming to wound They are coming to wound n50000.

Us. Tá piao a5 teact te pinn do \$0000.

If we used the autonomous form in this last sentence we would get—

They are coming to wound nsonat.

Ustan as teact to rinn to sonat.

574. The English present participle is usually translated by the verbal noun preceded by the preposition a_5 . If the English present participle expresses "rest" (e.g., standing, sitting, lying, sleeping, &c.), the verbal noun must be preceded by the preposition (=in) compounded with a suitable possessive adjective (§ 186).

They are coming.

Of an buacatt' na rearam.

The boy was standing.

The woman is standing.

575. The verbal noun in each of the above is dative case, governed by the preposition as.

576. When the English present participle governs an objective case, the object if a noun will follow the verbal noun in Irish and will be in the genitive case.

He is cutting the grass. Tá ré as baint an rein. She was stretching out her band.

Land.

Tá ré as baint an rein.

Uí rí as rínead a táime amac.

Are you reading the letter? Upuit cu as teisead na tiche?

Who was beating the child? Cia bi as buatao an teinb?

577. If the object of the English present participle be a personal pronoun we cannot translate as in the above sentences, because the pronouns have no genitive case; hence instead of using the personal pronouns we must employ the possessive adjectives. Possessive adjectives must always precede the nouns which they qualify.

He is striking me.

The fe 'fam (or asom)
buatao (lit. he is at my
beating).

Are you breaking it?

Orust tu 'fa (asa)
buseao?

Are you breaking them?

Orust tu 'fa (asa) monureao?

He is praising us.

The fan (asan) motao.

Is he not burning them? nac bruit re '\$a (asa)

nootao?

They are not striking her. It full mao '\$4 (454) bualato.

Note carefully the initial effects of the possessive adjectives on the verbal nouns after them.

578. Preceded by Ap, the Yerbal Noun has the force of a Present Participle Passive, denoting a continued or habitual state: as,

ni fuit an ceanga rin an That language is not tabainc anoir. spoken now.

Tá an chuit an chocat an The harp is hanging on an ngéig. the bough.

Speut an teanamainc. A continued story.

In this idiom an neither aspirates nor eclipses.

579. With 1Ap, after (eclipsing), the Verbal Noun has the force of a Perfect Participle: as,

1an oceacc i n-Cipinn oo paopais, Patrick having come into Ireland.

But in this idiom ian is usually shortened to an: as, an oceaec, &c., the eclipsis being retained. In colloquial language the Verbal Noun is commonly aspirated, not eclipsed, by an in this usage.

580. San is the word used to express negation with the Verbal Noun: as, san ceace, not to come.

Abain te Onian gan an gont oo theadad. Tell Brian not to plough the field.

581. San with the Verbal Noun has the force of the Passive Participle in English with un prefixed: as,

mo cuiz puint otna azur 120 san rniom, My five pounds of wool, and they unspun.

582. The genitive of the Verbal Noun is often used where a relative or infinitive clause would be used in English: as,

Nion rasao rean innirce rest.

There was not a man left to tell the tidings.

Caitin tear characte na mbo,
The pretty girl who milks the cows (lit. of the milking, &c.).

583. The following examples will be studied with advantage. They are culled from Father O'Leary's mion-cainc:—

Someone is striking me.

Cátan 'tam bualao.

I am being struck.

Táim dom bualad.

Someone is striking the dog.

Tátap as bualad an sadaip.

The dog is being struck.

Cá an gadan dá bualad.

Someone is breaking the stones.

Cátan as bnirear na scloc.

The stones are being broken.

Tá na cloca vá mbpireav.

They used to kill people.

Dici as manbad daoine.

People used to be killed.

bico oacine oá mapoao. bici as ceannac capall.

They used to buy horses. Horses used to be bought.

bioo capaill oá sceannac. We (or they) will be digging potatoes.

Dérorean as baine phá-**CA01.**

Potatoes will be dug.

Deito prácaoí vá mbainc.

We shall have dug the being na phátaoi bainte potatoes.

asainn.

If they were breaking stones they would not be cold.

Od mbeiori as briread cloc ni bérori ruan.

they are not cold.

If they are breaking stones má tátan az bniread cloc ní fuilcean ruan.

THE VERB 1S.

584. A definite noun is one limited by its nature or by some accompanying word to a definite individual or group.

The following are definite nouns:-

- (a) The name of a person or place (but not a class name like Saranac).
- (b) A noun preceded by the definite article.
- (c) A noun preceded by a demonstrative adjective.
- (d) A noun preceded by 5ac (because it means each taken individually).
- (e) A noun followed by any other definite noun in the genitive case.

Any noun not included in the above classes is an andefinite noun.

585. Whenever a definite noun is the subject of a verb in English, and the verb in is employed in translating into Irish, a personal pronoun must immediately precede the definite noun in Irish.

John is the man. 1r é Seatán an reap

WHEN TO USE THE VERB 1S.

586. (a) When the verb "to be" in English is followed by a definite noun, use 1r: as,

I am John. 1r mire Seatan.

It is the man. 1r é an reap é.

You are my brother. If the mo deaponatain.

James is the man. 1r é Seumar an rean.

It is the woman of the house. It is bean an cite i.

Are you not my friend? nac tu mo capa?

He is not my father. ni h-é rin m'atain.

All sentences of this class are called "Identification seatences."

He, she and they in sentences of identity have usually the force of demonstrative pronouns. and are translated by é pin, i pin, 120 pan.

(b) When the verb "to be" in English is followed by an indefinite noun if or the may be used, but with very different meanings. Whenever we use the verb if in such a sentence we convey the idea of "classification." or species: as, if

ammite bo. A cow is an animal, &c.; or we law stress on what the person or thing is at the time being. without any thought that he has become what he, or it, is. For instance, a father, enumerating to a friend the various positions in life of his children, may say, Ir ceannuide Seumar, ir razant Seatan, atur ir rean otițe Miceat: James is a merchant, John a priest, and Michael is a lawyer. He should not use thin such a case, as he considers simply what each is at the time being. When ca is used we convey the idea that the person or thing has become what he (or it) is, and that he (or it) was not always so. Suppose a father is telling what professions his sons have adopted, he should say, tá Seumar 'na ceannuide, &c. In such constructions the verb ca must be followed by the preposition 1 or a, and a suitable possessive adjective.

(c) The difference between the and it is well exemplified by the two sentences it reap é and the réap, both meaning "He is a man." If we see a figure approach us in the dark, and after looking closely at it we discover it to be a man, our correct phraseology would then be, it reap é. But when we say the reap we convey a very different idea. We mean that the person of whom we are speaking is no longer a boy, he has now reached manhood. If anyone were speaking to you of a person as if he were a mere boy, and you wished to correct him, you should use the phrase the reap.

(d) When the indefinite noun after the verb "to be" in English is qualified by an adjective, the verb $_{17}$ or $_{54}$ may be used according to the idea we wish to convey. If we wish to express a "condition sentence" (i.e., one which has reference to the state or condition of the subject at the time in question), we use $_{54}$; otherwise we employ $_{17}$, e.g.,

He is a small man. Cá ré 'na tean beag.

He is a useful man. Cá ré 'na tean tótanta.

She was a good woman bí rí 'na mnaoi mait.

(e) When the verb ir is employed in such sentences there is a choice of two constructions. In the second construction (as given in the examples below), we emphasise the adjective, by making it the prominent idea of the sentence. The definite article must be used in the second construction.

If is a fine day.

If breas an is e.

It is a fine day.

If oroce fush i.

If rush an oroce i.

It is a cold night.

If bo breas i rin.

If breas an bo i rin.

If breas an bo i rin.

nac oitean bear é rin? Isn't that a pretty island? (f) When a simple adjective follows the verb "to be" in English, either up or ca may be employed in translating, as,

Honey is sweet, ir mitir mit or the mit mitir. He is strong, ir through e or the fatoin.

587. The beginning of a sentence is naturally the place of greatest prominence, and is usually occupied in Irish by the verb. When, however, any idea other than that contained in the verb is to be emphasised, it is placed immediately after the verb ir, and the rest of the sentence is thrown into the relative form.

For example, "We went to Derry yesterday," would be generally translated: Cuaro rinn 50 Ooine ince: but it may also take the following forms according to the word emphasised.

We went to Derry yester. In pinne oo cuaro 50 day. Oone moé.

We went to Derry yester- 17 50 Ooine to cuait day. pinn inte.

We went to Derry yester- 1p ince co cuair pinn 50 day. Ooine.

588. The Yerb 1S is then used.

- (1) To express Identity, e.g., 1r é Conn an pi.
- (2) ,, Classification, ,, 1r ní Conn.
- (3) " Emphasis, " Ir moe do cuald rinn 50 Ooine

POSITION OF WORDS WITH 1S.

589. The predicate of the sentence always follows 1S: as,

Dermot is a man,
They are children,
John is a priest,
Coal is black,
A cow is an animal,
Turf is not coal,
Is it a man?

Tr pairoi 120.

1r pa

590. Sentences of Identification—e.g., Conn is the king—form an apparent exception. The fact is that in this sentence either the word "Conn" or "the king" may be the logical predicate. In English "king" is the grammatical predicate, but in Irish it is the grammatical subject, and "Conn" is the grammatical predicate. Hence the sentence will be, 1r & Conn an pi.

591. In such sentences, when two nouns or a pronoun and noun are connected by the verb ir, as a general rule, the more particular and individual of the two is made grammatical predicate in Irish. The converse usually holds in English. For instance, we say in English "I am the messenger," but in Irish ir mire an ceaccaine (lit. "the messenger is I"). Likewise with the following:—

You are the man, Ir cu an rean.

He is the master, Ir é rin an maisircin.

We are the boys, Ir rinne na buacaillí.

592. Sentences like "It is Donal." "It is the messenger," &c., are translated if é Domnatt é, if é an ceaccaire é. Here "é Domnatt" and "é an ceaccaire" are the grammatical predicates, and the second é in each case is the subject.

It is the master, 1r e an maisircin e.

He is the master, 1r e rin an maisircin.

(The underlined words are the predicates.)

593. In recent times we often find such sentences as "1r é an maisircin," "1r é an rean," &c., for "It is the master," "It is the man," in which the last é, the subject of the sentence, is omitted.

Translation of the English Secondary Tenses.

594. The English Present Perfect Tense is translated by means of the Present Tense of the verb cá, followed by v' eir (or can eir) and the verbal noun. When v' eir comes immediately before the verbal noun, the latter will be in the genitive case; but when v' eir is separated from the verbal noun by the object of the English verb, the verbal noun will be preceded by the preposition vo, and will be dative case.

He wrote, Oo repiot re.

He has just written, Cá re o' eir repiota.

He broke the window, Oo thir re an fuinneos.

He has broken the window, Cá re o' eir na ruinneoise oo thiread.

He has just died, Tá ré v' éir báir v'ratáit.

595. The word "just" in these sentences is not translated into Irish, and the word after o' eip is in the genitive case.

596. When the English verb is transitive there is another very neat method of translating the secondary tenses. As already stated, there is no verb "to have" in Irish: its place is supplied by the verb ca and the preposition as. Thus, "I have a book" is, Ca teadar asam. A similar construction may be used in translating the secondary tenses of an English transitive verb. The following sentences will illustrate the construction:—

I have written the letter, Cá an ticip repulotée agam.

I have struck him,

Have you done it yet?

The definition of the business agam.

Or not repulate agam.

The definition of the business agam.

897. The English Pluperfect and Future Perfect are translated in the same manner as the Present Perfect, except that the Past and Future Tenses respectively of ∠∆ must be used instead of the Present, as above. The following examples will illustrate the construction:—

He died, He had just died,

Fuain ré bár.

Di ré v' éir báir v' fasáil.

Di ré v' éir na cataoineac

oo bhireac.

He had broken the chair,

Di an cataoin burce aise.

The window has just been (Tatan o' eir na ruinneoise broken by a stone, (oo buread le cloic.

Di an Licip pspiobea asam Dior o' eir na tiche oc reniobao. I had written the letter,

I shall have finished my work before you will be ready,

Déan o' éir chice no cun an mo curo orbne rul a mbéin néio (uttam),

θέιο mo curo οιδηε chiocnuisce asam pul a mbein neio.

Prepositions after Verbs.

598. We give here a few verbs which require a preposition after them in Irish, although they require none in English:-

Seillim oo, I obey. Unituizim vo, l assist. Curoisim te, 1nnrim oo,) I tell. Deinim Le,

I persuade, prevail over. Cusaim an,

I endeavour. Cusaim rá, lappaim ap, I ask (beseech). Flarnuisim ve, I ask (enquire).

Seallaim oo, I promise. Deannuisim vo, I salute.

Cuimnitim Ap,

Deipim ap,

Steuraim an,

Sleuraim ap

Léigim vo, Comaintigim vo,

Maitim vo,

Freathaim to,

Cipigeann Liom,

Cışım le,

Cis Liom

Szaoilim vo, Impiżim ap,

Caitnitim le,

I remember.

I catch, I overtake.

I prepare (steur onc, get

ready).

I allow, permit.

I advise.

I forgive, pardon.

I answer.

I help.

I succeed (lit. It arises with

me).

I confirm, I corroborate.

I can.

I loose.

I beg, I beseech.

I please.

599. Many verbs require prepositions different from those required by their English equivalents.

Labpaim ap,

Fanaim le, Cháccaim ap,

Ceilim ap, Szapaim te,

Cuipim piop ap, Labraim te,

Deipim Le,

Δη . . . le,

I speak of.

I wait for.

I treat of.

I conceal from.
I separate from.

I send for.

I speak to.

I say to.

say, said to (an is used only

in quotation).

Deipim ataio ap,
Deunaim matao pá,
Cpitim pá,
Dainim te (also oo),
Deipim buaio ap,
Cáim boopuitte at,
Eircim te,
Dap te,

Staniom ap, Cinnim ap, Suroim ap,

Feuc ap,

rásaim rlán as, Leanaim oe,

Deipim ձր...ձր,

Diolaim le...an,

Oiotaim ap,
Caitim te,
Chomaim ap, tornuitim
Ap, tuitim ap,

I face (for) (a place).
I make fun of, I mock.
I tremble at.
I belong to, I appertain to.

I win a victory over.
I am bothered with.

I listen to.
It seems to.
I call for.

I excel or surpass in.

I pray for; also, I beseech.
(Suro opainn, pray for us.)
look at (reuc opca, Look at
them; reuc 140, Examine
or try them).

I bid farewell to.

I stick to.

I take hold of...by: as, He caught me by the hand.
Rus re an taim onm.
Catch her by the hand,
Deir an taim unni.

I sell to...for, He sold me a cow for £10. Θίοι γέ bό tiom an δειό υρύπταιυ,

I pay for.
I throw at.

I begin to (do something).

The Negative Adverb-Not.

600. Young students experience great difficulty in translating the English negative adverb—"not." We here give the various ways of translating "not."

Not, with the Imperative mood, is translated by na.

,, ,, Subjunctive ,, ,, nán.
,, ,, Yerbal Noun ,, 5an.

Past Tense | statement, níon or can. | question. nán or nacan.

All other | statement, níor ca. | question, nac, ná.

"If ... not" is translated by muna: * if the verb be in the past tense use munap.

All the above forms are used in principal sentences only. In dependent sentences "that...not" is always translated by nac or na, except in the past tense, indicative mood, when nan or nacan must be used.

Mi, aspirates; ca, eclipses. Ca become can before in and ruit: e.g., can me, It is not I.

How to answer a question. Yes-No.

601. (a) In Irish there are no fixed words for "Yes' or "No." As a general rule in replying to questions, "Yes" or "No" is translated by using the same verb and tense as has been employed in the question.



^{*} Pronounced morru.

The subject of the verb used in reply need not be expressed, except when it is contained in the verb ending. In English we frequently use a double reply, as "Yes, I will." "No, I was not," &c. In Irish we use only one reply.

Öruit τά τinn? Táim. Are you sick? Yes, or I am.

Raib ré annroin? Ní paib. Was he there? No.

An braca tú Seatán? Did you see John? No. Ní taca or ní tacar.

An oraca ré an teac? Did he see the house? Connaic. He did.

An ocuiseann cu? Do you understand? Yes. Cuisim.

An octocrato cu? ni Will you come? No, l ctocrao. will not.

(b) When the question has been asked with any part of the verb if, expressed or understood, followed by a definite noun, the English subject must be used in the answer, as also must the verb, except when the answer is negative.

An cu an reap? It mire Are you the man? No.

Nac é rin an reap? Ir é. Is not he the man? Yes,
he is.

Ap v'é pin Seatan? Nop Was that John? No, it v'é. was not.

Notice also the following:-

SECOND SPEAKER.
Δn τú?
Are you?
nac e ?
Isn't he?
ni h-é.
It is not.

(c) Whenever the question is asked by any part of the verb 17, followed by an indefinite predicate, the word "Yes" is usually translated by repeating the verb and the indefinite predicate, as—

Mac ruan an taé? 1r Isn't it a cold day? Yes, ruan. or It is.

nac maic e? 17 maic. Is it not good? Yes, or It is.

An aige aca an c-aipgear? Is it he who has the .

17 aige. money? Yes.

But in this case the answer may also be correctly given by using the neuter pronoun eat. In eat (or 'reat) for "yes;" ni h-eat for "no."

An marraro é pin? 111 Is that a dog? No. n-earo.

An Saranac e? 'Seao. Is he an Englishman? Yes.

nac mart e? 'Seao. Isn't it good? It is.

(d) When the question is asked with "who" or "what," the subject alone is used in the answer, and if the subject be a personal pronoun the emphatic form will be used, as—

Cia pinne é pin? Mire. Who did that? I did.

CHAPTER VI.

The Preposition.

602. As a general rule the simple prepositions govern a dative case, and precede the words which they govern: as,

Cainiz re o Concais.

He came from Cork.

tus re an t-ubatt vo'n He gave the apple to the mnaoi. woman.

Exceptions. (1) The preposition roup, "between," governs the accusative case: as, roup Concars agur Lumneac, between Cork and Limerick.

(2) So oci,* meaning "to" (motion), is followed by the nominative case.

Cuaro re 50 oci an ceac. He went to the house.



^{*50} ori is really a corrupted form of the old subjunctive mood of the verb rigim, I come; so that the noun after 50 ori was formerly nominative case to the verb

(3) The preposition zan, "without," governs the dative in the singular, but the accusative in the plural: as,

Tá ré san céitt. He is without sense. San án scáinde. Without our friends.

603. The words timeatt (around),* thanna or thearna (across), coir (beside), rate (along), cumpor tun (towards), toirs (owing to), tota, tota, and [iomtura] (as to, or concerning), although really nouns, are used where prepositions are used in English. Being nouns, they are followed by the genitive case.

Unait re rate na rroine e. He struck him along the nose.

An mbéio cú as out cum Will you be going to an aonais i mbápac? (towards) the fair to-morrow?

Το ριτ ρέ τιπό eatt na He ran around this place.
 η-άιτε ρεο.

Oo cuaran charna an They went across the field sunce conna. of barley.

For the so-called compound prepositions see par. 608, &c.

604. The prepositions 1 (in) and te (with) become in and terr before the article: eg., in an teadan in



^{*}The meanings given in parenthesis are the usual English equivalents, not the real meaning of the words

t The m in this word is pronounced like n

the book; terr an bream, with the man. In Munster o (from), we (off, from), wo (to), arge (= ag, at, with), and some others take r before the plural article—o rna reamand, from the men; wo rna buard, to the cows.

605. The simple prepositions cause aspiration when the article is not used with them: as, Δη τάρη απ chuic. On the top of the hill. Γυαιη τέ ο τέαη απ τιζε έ. He got it from the man of the house.

Exceptions (1) The prepositions a_{5} , at; te, with; a_{7} , out: 50, to, cause neither aspiration nor eclipsis; as, To ture re te Sott. He fell by Goll. Cuaro re 50 Daile-Ata-Cliat. He went to Dublin.

San, without, may aspirate or not.

- (2) The preposition 1 or a, in, causes eclipsis even without the article: as, Oi re 1 5 Concars. He was in Cork.
- 606. The simple prepositions, when followed by the article and a noun in the singular number, usually cause eclipsis: as, an an mban, on the top; o 'n brean, from the man; 'ran mbane, at home.

Exceptions. (1) The prepositions oo,* to, and oe, of, off, from, when followed by the article, usually cause aspiration, though in some places eclipsis takes place.

^{&#}x27;So or 50 or is usually used for "to" when motion to is implied (the Latin acc. of motion). To is usually used for "to" when no motion is implied (the Latin dative).



Aspiration is the more common practice: vo'n fear, to the man; ve'n mnaoi, from the woman. They prefix t to r; as, tus re vo'n trasart é. He gave it to the priest. Sa (=inr an) usually aspirates in Munster; ra vorsa mor, in the big box.

(2) When san, without, is followed by the article it produces no change in the initial consonant following: as, san an rion, without the wine; but if the following noun be masculine and begin with a vowel, or be feminine beginning with r, c is prefixed: as, san an c-eun, without the bird; san an cruit, without the eye.

In the Northern dialect aspiration takes place after the preposition and the article.

607. When a simple preposition ending in a vowel comes before the possessive adjective a (his, her, or their), or the possessive an, our, and bun, your, the letter n is inserted before the possessive: as, te n-a taim, by his hand; the n-a mborato, through their palms; te n-an scuro, with (or by) our portion; te nbun ocoit, with your permission.

Except the prepositions oo and oe, which become o'.

Whenever 50 or te comes before any other word beginning with a vowel the letter n is usually inserted: as, o majoin 50 n-oloce, from morning till night; 50 n-albain, to Scotland; te n-easta, with fear. (See par. 29.)

608. In Irish certain nouns preceded by prepositions have often the force of English prepositions. As nouns they are, of course, followed by a genitive case, unless a preposition comes between them and the following noun, when the dative case naturally follows. Such locutions are styled in most grammars "Compound Prepositions," and to account for their construction they give the rule "Compound Prepositions are followed by the genitive case."

609. We give here a fairly full list of such phrases employed in Medern Irish.

along with; on the side of. 1 **የ**ፑልրրል**ጎ**, i briadnuire, 1 látain, in the presence of. or comain, before; face to face. or coinne, ar učc,) for the sake of, for the love of an ron,) under the pretext of. an rzát, i brocain, along with, in company with. 1 OCEANCA, concerning; with regard to. 1 Όፒልዐ፝ዕ, at the end of. 1 5ceann, ré véin, for, (in the sense of going for). 1 Scoinne, ré véin, towards. among, amongst. 1 mears.

opposite. ap asaio, against. 1 n-a5a10, throughout (used of time). an read, for want of le n-earba, throughout (used of space) an ruo, for, for the benefit of. 1 Scoth, (1 Scomoth), behind, at the back of. an cúl. after (used of place). I notato. can éir, v'éir, after (used of time). 1 Scommit, 1 Scomme, against. concerning, about. ι ζούμγαιδε, to, towards. (cum), o' ionnparde,) towards. o' ionnraisio, te corr,) beside, by the side of (a sea, a river. &c.) coir, against. 1 n-euroan, το néin, according to. over, above. or cionn; tan ceanr. beyond, in preference to. beside, by the side of. te h-air, 1 Scarteam, 1 pit, during. 1 n-ain beoin, in spite of. 1 n-aimoeoin,) te h-asaio, for, for the use of 1 n-aice near.

610. Some of them are followed by Prepositions

táim te, near, beside.

1 n-5 μ το. near.

timeeall ap, around (and touching).

man teall an, on account of.

man son te, along with, together with.

in-einfeact te, together with, at the same

i n-aon-oige te, time as.

an crionnais.

611. Examples—(1) Nouns.

To cuin ré or cionn an He put it over the door. ropair é.

Connac 1 n-aice an cobain I saw them near the well.

To pic an zavan i noisio The hound ran after the

Cia bi i brocain Seumair? Who was along with

fox.

To turn to the priest.

The gave me this horse for the priest.

The priest.

Ciocrao an air o' éir an I shall come back after crainnaio. the summer.

ni fuit teifear an bit i There is no remedy against n-afair an bair. death.

Oo cuaro ré rá véin na He went for the horses scapall.

Ap read an tae. Throughout the day.

Ap ruo na cipe. Throughout the country.

Oo néin an teabain reo. Cá ré te coir na rainnse. Oo cuin ré an túb cimceatt an mo ceann. According to this book.

He is beside the sea.

He put the loop around my head.

612.

(2) Pronouns.

Cainis re im biaib. He came after me. Ná téit 'na noiaid reo. Do not go after these. Cia bi 'na rocain? Who was along with him? Oeunrao é rin an oo ron. I shall do that for your saka. Did you buy this one for An ceannuigir é reo lem ASAITO? ma? I was opposite them. Bior an a n-asaio. The lark is above us. Tá an fuireos or án Scionn. Were you near us? An paid to 1 n-ap n-aice (1 n-aice Linn)? Dí ré i n-aice tiom. He was near me. Cáinis mao im agaio. They came against me.

Translation of the Preposition "For."

613. (a) When "for" means "to bring," "to fetch," use ra vein, a 5-coinne, or as iapparo, followed by a genitive case; or as criatt ap: as,

Go for the horse. Teit at chiall an an scapall. He went for John. Cuard re re dein Seatain.

(b) When "for" means "to oblige," "to please," use oo, followed by the dative case: as,

Do that for him. Oeun rin oo.

Here is your book for you. 'See our oo teaban.

Use oo to translate "for" in the phrases "good for," "bad for," "better for," &c.: as,

This is bad for you. If otc out & reo.

- (e) When "for" means "for the use of," use te n-asaro, followed by a genitive case, or so with dative.
- I bought this for the Ceannusear & reo te priest.

 h-asaro an crasanc (vo'n crasanc).
- He gave me money for tus re ainsead dom led you.
- (d) When "for" means "duration of time" use te, with the dative case, if the time be past, but an read or 50 ceans, with the genitive case, if the time be future. In either case past and future are to be understood, not with regard to present time, but to the time of the action described.
- (1) He had been there for Di re ann te bliadain a year when I came. nuain táinig mé.
- (2) He stayed there for a 'O' fan ré ann an read year. (50 ceann) bliadna

In the first sentence the year is supposed to be completed at the time we are speaking about, and is, therefore, past with regard to the time we are describing.

In the second sentence the time at which the action of staying (if we be allowed to use the word "action") took place at the very beginning of the year that he spent there. The year itself came after the time we are describing; therefore it is future with regard to that time.

It will be a great assistance to the student to remember that an read or 50 ceans are used when in the English sentence the fact is merely stated, as in sentence (2); and that te is used when a secondary tense ought to be used in the English sentence, as in sentence (1).

(e) When "for" means "for the sake of," use ap ron followed by a genitive case.

He toiled for a little gold. Saotpuit ré an ron beagáin óin.

- (f) When "for" is used in connection with "buying" or "selling," use an followed by a dative case. He bought it for a pound. Ceannuity re an punc e. I sold it for a shilling. Violar an resiting e.
- (g) "For" after the English verb "ask" is not translated in Irish.

He asked me for a book. O' sapp re teadap opm.

Ask that man for it. Sapp an orean roin e.

(h) "For" after the word "desire" (σώι) is usually translated by ι (=in): as, Desire for gold, σώιι ι n-όρ or, σώιι της απ όρ.

(i) The English phrase "only for" very often means "were it not for," "had it not been for," and is translated by muna monao, followed by a nominative.

Only for John the horse would be dead now.

Mupa mbead Seatán do bead an capall mapb anoir.

614. Note the following Examples.

I have a question for you.

To play jor (a wager).

To send for.

A cure for sickness.

To wait for.
For your life, don't tell.

He faced for the river.

They fought for (about) the Fiannship.

Don't blame him for it.

I have great respect for you.

This coat is too big for me.

What shall we have for dinner?

It is as good for you to do your best.

Tá ceirc agam onc. Iminc an (geall).

flor to cup Ap.

", an tinneap.

Fanamaine le.

Δη σ' anam, ná h-innip.

Cuz ré a ażaro an an abann.

Choloeadan um an ofiannuiseacc.

ná cuip a milleán aip (its blame on him).

Τά mear món αξαμ οης.

Tá an cóta po nó-món dom.

Caroé biar againn an an noinneun?

Tá ré com mait agat too ticeall to teunam.

615. Translation of the Preposition "Of."

(a) Whenever "of" is equivalent to the English possessive case, translate it by the genitive case in Irish.

The son of the man.

mac an fig.

The house of the priest.

Teac an crasainc.

There are cases in which the English "of," although not equivalent to the possessive case, is translated by the genitive in Irish.

The man of the house.

Fean an cise.

A stone of meal.

Cloc mine.

(b) Whenever "of" describes the material of which a thing is somposed, or the contents of a body, use the genitive case.

A ring of iron.

Fáinne iapainn.

A cup of milk.

Cupán bainne.

A glass of water.

Stoine uirse.

(c) When "of" comes after a numeral, or a noun expressing a part of a whole, use so with the dative; but if the word after "of" in English be a personal pronoun, use one of the compounds of as with the personal pronouns.

The first day of the week. An ceuo tá ve'n creacc-

main.

One of our hounds.

Many of the nobles.

Ceann o' an nzaonais. Monan oe na n-uairtis.

One of us was there.

Di ouine againn ann.

Some of them.

CUITO ACA.

One of these (persons).

Ouine aca ro.

A test is used for "half of it" or "half of them."

(d) When "of" follows "which," use pe with nouns, and as with pronouns.

Which of the men?

Cia (ciaca) be na reapaib?

Which of us?

Cia asainn?

- (e) When "of" means "about" use cimciott or ra. They were talking of the Viovan as cains simciott matter. an nuoa.
- (f) "Of" after the English verb "ask," "inquire," is translated by oe.

Ask that of John.

Piarnuit rin de Seatan.

(g) When "of" expresses "the means" or instrument" use te or oe.

He died of old age. ruain re bar te rean-aoir.

He died of hunger.

Tuain ré bár leir an ochar.

He died of a seven days' sickness.

ruain ré bár de talan

react lá.

(h) Both of us.

Sinn apaon.

Both of you.

Sib anaon.

Both of them.

SIND AMADII, 100 AMADII.

616. Further Examples.

He is ignorant of Irish.

The like of him. Such a thing as this.

Don't be afraid of mc.

A friend of mine.

A friend of yours.

A horse of mine.

A horse of Brian's.

I have no doubt of it.

A man of great strength.

Oisin of mighty strength and vigour.

Tả rẻ ainbriorac ing an nsaeoilis.

A tertero (his like).

A leitéio reo oe nuo.

na biod eagla ont nomam.

Cana dom.

Capa ouic. Capall tiom.

Capall le Unian.

ni fuil amnar asam ain.

rean ir mon neant.

Oirin ba theun neant a'r luċ.

(ba is the past tense of ir in the previous sentence.)

I think much of it.

Cá mear món agam ain.

CHAPTER VII.

Classification of the Uses of the Prepositions.

617.

45, AT.

1. To denote possession (a) with $\tau \Delta$.

Tá rsian asam.

I have a knife.

Tá aithe agam an an I know that man. brean roin.

(b) With other verbs:

Coimeao ré an roian aige He kept the knife for himréin. self.

0' \$ 65 re aca 100

He left them to them.

2. It is used in a partitive sense, of them. &c.

Aon ouine aca.

Anyone of them.

Jac son aca.

Each one of them.

- 3. With verbal nouns to translate the English present participle:
 - (a) active Tá ré as buatao an buacatta.

 He is beating the boy.
 - (b) passive—τά an buacaitt αξά ('ξά) buata'.
 The boy is being beaten.
- 4. With verbal nouns followed by oo, meaning "while."

As out odib.

While they were going.

5. To express the agent or cause with passive verbs.

Tá an cloc sá (asá) tósáit The stone is being raised by James.

The English preposition at when used with as semblies, e.g. market, fair, school, &c., is usually translated by an.

618.

AR, ON, UPON.

- 1. Literal use: an an moono, on the table.
- 2. In adverbial phrases:

(a) TIME.

an batt, just now, by and by. an read, during.

Lá an Lá, day by day.

an maidin, in the morning.

an unique, by times.

an an tátain, immediately.

(b) PLACE.

an both, in existence, at all.

An tean,

An rainhze,

An muin,

An tan, on the ground.

An rai, on the point of.

An rao, in length.

An tano,* lengthwise.

An an oonar, by (through)

the door.

τηι τροιέτε αρ ταυ (ταιυ), three feet long.

αρ τειτεαυ, ,, wide.

αρ αοιρυε, ,, high.

αρ υοιώπε, , deep.

(c) CAUSE.

an an account, for that an teactnom, under opression.

an ron, for the sake of.

an easta so, for fear that.

will of.

^{*} an a rano, literally on its length.

an eigin, hardly, by com- an cosa, at the choice of. pulsion.

(d) MANNER AND CONDITION.

ap cop ap bit, on any condition.

ap an moo, in the manner.

ap aξαιό, forward.

aξαιό αραξαιό, face to face.

teat ap teat, side by side.

ap tarao, ablaze.

ap cumar, in the power of.

beaξάη ap beaξάη, little

by little.

ap cámoe, on credit.

an veite, in the form of an riubal, in progress.

an a laisead, at least.

an air, back.

an scut, backwards.

an tharna, breadthwise.

an rán,

an reachán,

an meirse, drunk.

an rodan, trotting.

an iaract, on loan.

3. In numbers:

Chi an ficio, 28.
Chiomao an ficio, 28rd.

4. (a) Before the verbal noun, which it eclipses or aspirates to form the past participle active.

An ounce an consir coil Having shut the door, o' imtigeacan. they went away.

(b) With the possessive adjective a and verbal noun to form perfect participle passive.

An n-a cun i n-easan as, Edited by.

An n-a cun amac as Connnao na Saeoitse, Published by the Gaelic League.

5. Emotions felt by a person:

Care, sorrow, &c.

Cá imnibe, bhôn ohm.

Thirst, hunger, need, sickness.

Cá capic, ochar, earbait, cinnear oum.

Fear.

Tá eagla, raitéior onm.

Joy.

Tá tút sáin, onm.

6. In phrases:

Ciorlacar ap, favour (conferred) on.

Cá baotat an, there is danger.

Cion, gean an, affection for.

Cuimne ap, remembrance of.

eotar, rior, aithe an, knowledge of, acquaintance with.

Caraoro an, complaint Seanán an, against.

Spáin ap, horror of, or disgust with.

ruat an, hatred of. ruac an, debt due from.

Cá ampar agam aip, I suspect him,

Cumar an power over, capacity for.

Cumaco ap, power over.

riaca an, claim upon.

Ouaro ap, victory over.

onoip ap, honour (given)

to.

Oe ceansal ap, of obli-O' fiacaib ap, gation O' watac ap, on.

In the above phrases the agent is expressed by as where possible, tá spáo, sean, eotar, cuimne, &c., asam ont.

7. AR is used after various classes of verbs.

(a) Verbs of motion upon or against (striking, inflicting, &c.).

Impim pian ap.

I punish.

Ceilsim an (Le). Carao an.

I throw at.

Cápla an.

Met.

Carao an rean onm.

I met the man.

To sat re ve clocal onta. He threw stones at them.

(b) After the verb beinim.

Deipim ap.

I call (name), (an before person), induce, persuade,

compel a person (to do

something).

Beinim lappace ap.

I attempt (something or to

do something).

Beinim voiot an.

I requite, repay (a person).

Deinim* ra n-veapa ap,

I cause, make (a person do something).

Deipim Spard an.

I love (fall in love with), &c.

I explain.

Deipim miniusad ap. (c) After the werb beinim.

beinim an an.

I catch, seize (a person) by

(the hand, &c.).

beinim an.

I overtake, I catch.

Deipim breiteamnar ap,

I judge, pass judgment on.

beinim buaid an.

I conquer.

^{*} Cuipim may be used in this sense.

(d) After verbs of Praying, Beseeching, Appealing to.

lappaim ap. I ask, entreat (a person).

Suroim ap. I pray for (sometimes I

pray to); but generally surform cum Oé an ron &c.

I pray to God for.

Impitim ap. I beseech.

(e) After verbs of Speaking about, Thinking of, Treating of, Writing of, &c.

Labraim ap, I speak of. Smuainim ap, I think of. Chicaim ap, I treat of. Sphobaim ap, I write of, Cuimnizim ap, I remember. or about.

- (f) Verbs of looking at:

 reucaim an er veancaim an. I look at.
- (g) Verbs of threatening, complaining, offending, displeasing, &c.

Daspaim ap. I threaten.

Soillim ap. I am troublesome to.

Seivim toct an. I find fault with.

(h) Verbs of concealing, neglecting, hindering, forbidding, refusing, &c.

Ceitim an. I conceal from.

Commeans am I hinder or forbid.

Faitlifim an. I neglect.

(i) Verbs of protecting, guarding, guaranteeing against.

Seacain tú péin an an Take care of yourself from ochucaitt min. that car.

Seacain oo tam an an Take care! That stone scloic pin. will hurt your hand.

8. (a) Cuinim is used with verbal nouns and adverbial phrases beginning with an:

Cuipim an coire.

I put in a tremble.

Cuipim an coimeáo.

I put on one's guard.

Cuipim ap reachán. I set astray.

Cuinim an cainoe. I put off, delay, postpone.

Cuinim an 5cút. I put aside.

Cuipim an neimnio. I reduce to nothing, I

(b) Also with many nouns:—

Cuipim ceirc an. I question.

Cuinim comaoin an. I do a kindness to.

Curpim) Table for

Calcim chain an (tap). I east lots for.

Cuipim cuma ap. I arrange.
Cuipim Saipm (rior) ap. I send for.

Cuinim tám an. I set about.

Cuinim tei tear an. I apply a remedy to.

Cuipim turbescan an. I lay a snare for.

Cuipim moitt ap. I delay.

Cuipim coipmears ap. I hinder.

Cuipim impide ap. I beseech.

9. Inim is used with many nouns meaning "I inflict...on."

İnim başan an.I threaten.İnim buaroneao an.I trouble.İnim caraoro an.I complain of.

Snim expectin an. I wrong.

Snim reall ap. I act treacherously to-

wards.

Snim rmact an. I exercise authority over,

I restrain.

Snim bheiteamhar an. I judge, pass judgment

upon.

I watch.

619. AS, OUT OF, FROM.

1. Literal use: out of, from, &c.

Cuard ré ar an ciż. He went out of the house.

Out ar an mbeataro. To depart from life.

2. With various other verbs:

Ouirizim ar cootao. I arouse from sleep.

Cuipim ar reitb. I dispossess. Chocaim ar. I hang from.

Cuipim aram. I utter (a shriek, &c.).

Léisim ar. I let off.

Symonam ar. I erase from.

Tuitim ar a ceite. To fall asunder.

Tappains ar a ceite. To pull asunder.

3. To express origin, cause; ground of proof; confidence, trust in:

Ar sac aino. From every quarter.

Socan to baint ar. Derive benefit from.

An rát ar. The reason why.

An ro ruar. Henceforth.

1r rottur ar. It is evident from.

ioncuiste ar. Inferable from.

muinizin ar. Confidence in.

4. After verbs, of boasting or taking pride in:

maoroim ar. I boast of.

Stopman ar. Glorying in.

Lánman ar réin. Full of himself.

620. cun (cum), TOWARDS.

1. Cum is used after verbs of motion:

Cuaro ré cum an cige. He went towards the house.

Cup cum raiphse. To put to sea.

2. Before verbal noun to express purpose:

Came to sell the horse. To ofot.

8. In Phrases, as:

To bring to pass.

Sabam cusam.

I take for myself.

Cup cum báir.

To put to death.

Léis cum báir. Let die.

Steurca cum oibne. Prepared for work.

Cum 50. In order that.

Suroum cum. I pray to.
Out cum olizeao. To go to law.

621. Oe, FROM, OUT OF.

1. Literal use:

Danim ve. I take from.

Eipizim ve. I arise from.

Tuicim ve. I fall from.

Shaoitim ve. I loose from (anything).

2. Partitive use:

One of the men.

reap de muintin Matsamna. One of the O'Mahoney's.

Often before the relative it is equivalent to a superlative relative:

Deunrao sac não o'A I will give everything I bruit asam. have.

Tr é an reap ir aoipue v' à bracar plam.

ní mait teir nío o' á ocuş-

He is the tallest man I ever saw.

He does not like anything you gave him.

3. In the following phrases:

oe bμις, because
o' easta so, lest
o' aoir, of age
oe γίοη, perpetually
oe onuim, owing to
o' eir, after
oe oeoin, willingly
oe γάιτ te, in expectation
of

o' λημές, for certain
τος ξηλές, usually
τος ξηίοι, in effect
τος m' ι με, to my knowledge
τος το ελειτό, for lack of,
το' ελειτό, want of
το' λιπόσοιη, unwillingly,
in spite of
τος το ελοιτό, concerning

4. After following verbs, &c.:

flarnuitim oe.

I ask (enquire) of.
I adhere to.

Leanaim ve.

Filled with.

lionca be (te).

rmed wit

lán oe.

Full of.

Śnim casaint oe.

I mention.

Żnim úγάιο σe.

I make use of.

Żnim ... oe

I make ... out of (from) ...

Léisim viom.

I let slip.

5. To translate "with," &c., in phrases like oe teim, with a leap, at a bound.

622.

OO, TO, FOR.

1. Literal use:

(a) After adjectives (generally with 1r):

cinnce oo, cóιη τοο, éizean oo, mait oo, reapp too,

certain for (a person). right for (a person). necessary for. good for. better for.

(b) After nouns:

(out) 1 rocan oo, (1r) beata oo, (1r) atain vo,

for the advantage of.

(is) his life. (is) his father.

(c) After verbs:

Aitnim vo, I command. Unonnaim oo (an) I present to.

Deonuisim oo, I vouch-

safe to. rosnam oo, I announce to.

Freaspaim oo, I answer. Seitum vo, {I obey or teizim vo, I allo do homage to. 1nnrin vo, I tell.

Opouisim oo, I order.

Cinnim vo, I appoint for. Comaintisim oo, I advise.

Oiúlcaim oo, I renounce.

rożnam vo, I am of use to.

Seatlaim vo, I promise. Léigim vo, I allow, let.

Cairbeanaim oo, I show Tearbánaim vo,

Savaim vo copaiv, I trample. Coistim vo, I spare.

2. To express the agent:

After the verbal noun, preceded by an, az, &c.:
An oceacc anno ooio. On their arrival here.

With the participle of necessity, participles in 10n, &c.:

ni motea oute é. He must not be praised by you.

Ir é rin ir invéanca ouic. That's what you ought to do.

8. For its use in connection with the verbal noun see pars. 563, 568, 570.

623.

på or pe, under, about, concerning.

1. Literal use: as,

Tả rẻ rả 'n mbono. It is under the table.

2. rá is used in forming the multiplicatives:

a chi re vo, twice three.

s vó ré cestain, four times two.

3. In adverbial phrases:

rá comain, (keeping) for.

rá řeac, individually, separately.

rá teit, separately. rá veipeav, at last. rá map. just so (as). 624. San, WITHOUT.

1. Literal use:

San pinsinn im poca.

Without a penny in my

pocket.

2. To express not before the werbal noun:

Abain Leir Ban Ceacc.

Tell him not to come.

625. 50, WITH.

1. This preposition used only in a few phrases:

generally before test, a half.

Mile 50 leic.

A mile and a half.

SLAT 50 Leit.

A yard and a half.

50, TO, TOWARDS.

1. Literal use: motion, as-

To Luimneac.

To or towards Limerick.

2. In Phrases:

O uain 50 h-uain.

From hour to hour.

O noin so ceile.

From evening to evening.

O maroin so n-oroce. From morning till night.

627. 1 (in, ann), IN, INTO (Eclipsing),

1. Of time:

Ing an cSampao. In Summer.

2. Of motion to a place:

1 ap στελέτ ι n-Ειριπη σο Patrick having come into βάσρλις. Ireland.

3. Of rest at a place:

Cá ré 1 n'Ooine. He is in Derry.

4. In following phrases:

1 n-aointeact te, along with. 1 n-ataio, against.

1 notato, after. 1 sceann, at end of.

1 Sconne, against. 1 Scomain, in front of.

1 brocam, in company with. 1 mears, among.

vocimėioti, about.

5. After words expressing esteem, respect, liking, &c., for something:

Outl 1 n-on. Desire for gold.

6. Used predicatively after ℃∆:

Cáim im' fean Lároin anoir. I am a strong man now.

7. In existence, extant:

ir breat an aimpin aca It's fine weather we're ann.

ni coip out out amac 7 an aimpip puap aca ann anoip.

You ought not to go out considering the cold weather we have now.

8. Used after zá to express "to be able."

ni vionn ann réin iompoo. He cannot turn.

9. After cuip, veip, out, in phrases like:

Cuipim 1 Scuimne vo. I remind.

Out 1 poéan vo. To benefit.

628. 101R, BETWEEN, AMONG.

1. Literal use:

nóp 101p na Románčaib,

a custom among the Romans.

veitrin eaconna,

difference between them.

2. 101R...A\$ S, BOTH...AND.

1014 raidul Asur voct, both rich and poor.

1014 asur mac, both father and son.

1014 caopeaiv asur uanaiv, both sheep and lambs.

1014 reapaiv ir mnaiv, both men and women.

629.

te, WITH.

1. Literal use, with:

teir an maon,

with the steward.

2. With ir to denote possession:

Ir tiomra é.

It is my own. It belongs to me.

Cia Leir 140?

Who owns them?

3. With ir and adjectives to denote "in the opinion of:"

1r riú tiom é.

I think it worth my while.

To b' rapa teir. He thought it long.

4 To denote instrument or means:

Uniread an funneon te

The window was broken

C1.01Č.

by a stone.

ruain ré bar teir an ochar. He died of hunger.

lorsad le ceinid é.

He was burned with fire.

5. After verbs or expressions of motion:

Amac teir,

Out (he went).

Stan Lib!

Stand back!

O' imtit ri téiti,

She departed.

6. With verbs of touching; behaviour towards; saying to; listening to; selling to; paying to; waiting for:

Eire tiom,

Listen to me.

bainim te.

I touch.

Labraim le.

I speak to.

Violar an bo leir,

I sold the cow to him.

ná ran tiom,

Do not wait for me.

7. After words expressing comparison with, likeness to, severance from, union with, peace with, war with, expectation of.

Tả rẻ com ápo tiom.

He is as tall as I.

Cá ré cormait leac.

He is like you.

Oo rsan ré leo.

He separated from them.

8. With verbal noun to express purpose, intention (see pars. 567, 569).

9. In following phrases :--

te h-ataro, for (use of), te h-ucc, with a view to. te h-arp, beside.

te n-air, beside.
te ranaro, downward.

te corr, near, beside.

taim te, near.

man aon te, along with

caob te, beside.

630. mar, LIKE TO, AS.

1. Literal use: as, like to.

man rin, thus

man rin, thus agur man rin ve, and so on. Oo stac re man ceite i. He took her for a spouse.

ná man aputhant ná (gogording) ag ha goid

rá man aoubaint ré, (according) as he said.

2. Before relative particle a, it is equivalent to as. how, where, &c.

an ait man a naib ré,

the place where he was.

3. For an idiomatic use of man, see par. 353.

631.

O, FROM, SINCE.

1. Since (of time): as,

o tur, from the beginning. o foin, ago.

Conjunction: as,

O nac bracar nuo an bit, tanzar abaile anir. Since I saw nothing I came home again.

2. Of place, motion from:

O Eininn.

from Erin.

3. In a modal sense:

oo chorde,

with all thy heart.

boct o (1) rp10pa10, poor in spirit.

4. After words expressing severance from, distance from, going away from, turning from, taking from, exclusion from, cleansing, defending, protecting, healing. alleviating.

632.

OS, OVER.

Used only in a few phrases as:

or cionn, above, over. bun or cionn, upside down.

or irrot, silently, secretly. or ano loudly.

roim, BEFORE. 633.

1. Of time:

Oeic noimio poim (cun) Ten minutes to three.

A Chi.

Before this, heretofore. Roime reo.

formerly.

Roime rin.

Previously.

2. Of fleeing before, from; coming in front of; lying before one (=awaiting); putting before one (=proposing to oneself):

Whoever proposes to do Cibé cuinear noime é reo this. no neunam.

Di an shiptiad as hit hoim na consib.

The hare was running from the hounds.

3. After expressions of fear, dislike, welcome, &c.: ná biod eagla ont nómpa. Do not be afraid of them. Páilte nómat (nómaib)! Welcome!

634. TAR, BEYOND, OVER, PAST.

1. Of motion (place and time):

He leaped over the wail. Léim ré tan ar mballa. Last month. An mi reo tab topainn.

2. Figuratively: "in preference to," "beyond."

Can man bi ré beic mbliaona riceao ó roin.

Compared with what it was 80 years ago.

CAN man buo olisceae oo.

Beyond what was lawful for him.

3. In following phrases:

out cap, transgress.

τελότ ταρ, refer to, treat of

cap eir, after.

tan air, back.

Can ceann 50, notwithstanding.

635. TRE, (TRI), THROUGH, BY MEANS OF.

1. Physically, through:

The n-a tamair. Through his hands.

2. Figuratively, "owing to":

Thio mn.

Owing to that.

N.B.—In the spoken language cpio is generally used instead of cpe or cpear.

686. um, ABOUT, AROUND.

- 1. Time: um tratnona, in the evening.
- 2. Place: um an cit, around the house.
- 3. About: of putting or having clothing on.
- They put on their clothes. Scuro éavais.
- 4. Cause: uime rin, therefore.

PARSING.

637. A. Parse each word in the following sentence: Apen Seumar Sun terr rein an capatt on by arge (Prep. Grade, 1900).

An irreg. trans. verb, indic. mood, present tense, analytic form of the verb σειμιπ (verbal noun, μάτ).

Seumar A proper noun, first declen., genitive
Seumar, 8rd pers. sing., masc. gen.,
nom. case, being subject of averp.

Sun A conjunction used before the past tense: compounded of 50 and no.

['v] The dependent form, past tense, of the verb ir.

Lerr A prepositional pronoun (or a pronominal preposition), 3rd pers. sing., masc. gender. Compounded of te and re.

rein An indeclinable noun, added to terr for the sake of emphasis.

an The definite article, nom. sing. masc., qualifying the noun capatt.

capatt A com. noun, first declen., genitive capatt, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gend. and nom. case, being the subject of the suppressed verb ['o].

- oo A particle used as a sign of the past tense, causing aspiration; but here it has also the force of a relative.
- bi An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood past tense, analytic form of the verl taim (verbal noun, beit).
- A prepositional pronoun, 3rd sing., masc. gender, compounded of as
- B. Parse the following sentence: To cur; ri roo mona an Deang-Larav i n-Dion cige na recoite maiDin Lae beatcaine. (Junior Grade, 1900).
 - Oo A particle used as the sign of the past tense, causing aspiration.
 - tense, analytic form of the verb cuinim (verbal noun, cun).
 - fem. gend., conjunctive form, nominative case, being the subject of the verb cure.
 - Srd pers. sing., masc. gender, accusative case, being the object of the verb cum.

- mona A common noun, third declension, nom.

 moin, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gender,
 and genitive case, governed by the
 noun roo.
 - Ap preposition, governing the dative case.
- οελης-taγιο A compound verbal noun, genitive οελης-taγια, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition an.
 - A preposition, governing the dative case, and causing eclipsis.
 - Srd pers. sing. masc. gender and dative case, governed by preposition 1.
 - (N.B.—This word may also be second declension).
 - pers. sing., masc. gend., genitive case, governed by the noun vion.
 - The definite article, genitive sing. feminine, qualifying roote.
 - rcoite A common noun, second declension, nom. rcoit, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gend. and genitive case, governed by the noun cite.

maroin A com. noun, second declension, gen.
marone, 3rd pers. sing., fem. gend.
and dative case, governed by the preposition an (understood).

Lae-beatcaine A compound proper noun, nom. ta beatcaine, 3rd pers. sing, masc. gend. and genitive case, governed by the noun majoin.

C. Parse: Taim as out cum an aonais (Junior, '98).

An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood, present tense, 1st pers. sing., synthetic form, of the (verbal noun, beit).

A prep, governing the dative case.

out A verbal noun, 3rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition A5.

cum A noun (dative case, governed by co understood) used as a preposition, governing the genitive case.

an The definite article, gen. sing. masc., qualifying the noun against.

Aconaic, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gender, and genitive case governed by cum.

- D. Parse: Ti con out e oo bualao.
 - A negative adverb, causing aspiration, modifying the suppressed verb 17.
 - [17] The assertive verb, present tense, absolute form.
 - comparative cona, qualifying the phrase e to buatate.
 - oute A prep. pronoun, 2nd pers. sing. compound of oo and cu.
 - A personal pronoun, 3rd pers. sing., nom. case, disjunctive form, being the subject of the suppressed verb 17.
 - A preposition, causing aspiration, and governing the dative case.
 - bustao. A verbal noun, genitive busitee, 8rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition vo.
- N.B.—6 vo bustavo is the subject of the sentence.
- E. Parse: Cainiz re le capall a ceannac.
 - Taining An irreg. intrans. verb, indic. mood, past tense, 3rd pers. sing. of the verb cigim (verbal noun, ceace).

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- re A pers. pron, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gen., conjunctive form, nom. case, being the subject of camp.
- te A preposition governing the dative case.
- capatt A common noun, first declens. gen. capatt, 3rd pers. sing., masc. gend and dative case governed by te.
 - The softened form of the preposition oo, which causes aspiration, and governs the dative case.
- ceannac. A verbal noun, genitive ceannuiste, 8rd pers. sing., dative case, governed by the preposition a.

IDIOMS.

ca...azam, I HAVE.

in Irish. Its place is supplied by the verb to have in Irish. Its place is supplied by the verb to followed by the preposition as. The direct object of the verb to have in English becomes the subject of the verb to in Irish: as, I have a book. To tead a som. The literal translation of the Irish phrase is "a book is at me."

This translation appears peculiar at first sight, but it is a mode of expression to be found in other languages. Most students are

familiar with the Latin phrase "Est mihi pater." I have a father (iit. there is a father to me); and the French phrase Ce livre est a moi. 1 own this book (lit. This book is to me).

We give here a few sentences to exemplify the idiom:—

He has the book.
I have not it.
Have you my pen?
The woman had the cow.
The man had not the horse.
Will you have a knife tomorrow?
He would not have the dog.
We used to have ten horses.

Tá an teaban aise.

Ilí fuit ré asam.

An bruit mo beann asat?

Dí an bó as an mnaoi.

Ilí haib an capatt as an brean.

An mbaió reian asat

1 mbánac?

Hi biad an madha aize.

To biod deic Kcapaill

is tiom, I OWN.

azainn.

639. As the verb "have" is translated by the number of the preposition as, so in a similar manner the verb "own" is translated by the verb 1S and the preposition the. Not only is the verb "to own," but also all expressions conveying the idea of ownership, such as: The book belongs to me: the book is mine, &c.; are translated by the same idiom.

I own the book.

The book is mine.

The book belongs to me.

Ir tiom an teaban.

The horse was John's.

The horse belonged to John.

John owned the horse.

Notice the position of the words. In translating the verb "have" the verb vá is separated from the preposition as by the noun or pronoun; but in the case of "own" the verb ip and the preposition to some together. (See par. 589, &c.)

I have the book.

Tá an teaban agam.

I own the book.

Tr tiom an teaban.

In translating such a phrase as "I have only two cows," the noun generally comes after the preposition ΔS : so that this is an exception to what has been said above.

I have only two cows. ni fuit agam act oa buin.

I KNOW.

cover the various shades of meaning of the English verb "to know." First, we have the very commonly used word peadap (or peadap me), I know; but this verb is used only after negative or interrogative particles, and has only a few forms. Again, we have the verb artistim, I know; but this verb can only be used in the sense of recognising. Finally we have the three very commonly used phrases, tá eolar asam,

"I know;" but these three expressions have three different meanings which must be carefully distinguished.

Whenever the English verb "know" means "to know by heart," or "to know the character of a person," to know by study," &c., use the phrase the eology as... Ap.

Whenever "know" means "to recognise," "to know by appearance," "to know by sight," &c., use the phrase to althe Az...ap. This phrase is usually restricted to persons.

When "know" means "to know by mere information," "to happen to know," as in such a sentence as "Do you know did John come in yet?" use the phrase that from aga, e.g. Opuil a from agaz an ordining Seagan recease for?

As a rule young students experience great difficulty in selecting the phrases to be used in a given case. This difficulty arises entirely from not striving to grasp the real meaning of the English verb. For those who have already learned French it may be useful to state that as a general rule to eotar agam corresponds to je sais and to attne agam to je connais

Cá aithe agam ain act ní fuit eolar agam ain. Je le connais mais je ne le sais pas. I know him by sight but I do not know his character. "Do you know

that man going down the road?" Here the verb "know" simply means recognise, therefore the Irish is: bruit aithe agat an an brean roin atá ag out ríor an botan? If you say to a fellow student "Do you know your lessons to-day?'' You mean "Do you know them by rote?" or "Have you studied them?" Hence the Irish would be: "bruit eotar agaz an too deadrannaib intiiu?"

Notice also the following translations of the verb know.

'Tis well I know. ir mait ir eot bom, ir riorač (rearač) dom, I know. I say what I know. peinim an had ace au eolar asam,

I LIKE, I PREFER.

641. "I like" and "I prefer" are translated by the expressions ir mait (ait, air) tiom and ir reapp tiom (it is good with me; and, it is better with me).

I like milk. Ir mait tiom bainne.

He prefers milk to wine. Ir reann teir bainne ná

rion.

An mait teir an bream Does the man like meat?

reoil?

An mait leat é rin? Did you like that? Da mait tiom é.

I liked it.

We did not like the water. Mion mait linn an c-uirse

642. If we change the preposition "te" in the above sentences, for the preposition "oo," we get another idiom. "It is really good for," "It is of benefit to." It must form 6. It is good for me; (whether I like it or not).

He does not like milk but it is good for him. Ni mait teir banne act ir mait oo é.

N.B.—In these and like idiomatic expressions the preposition "te" conveys the person's own ideas and feelings, whether these are in accordance with fact or not. Ir riv tiom out 50 h-Albain. I think it is worth my while to go to Scotland (whether it is really the case or not). Ir mon tiom an tuac roin. I think that a great price. Ir ruspac tiom & rin. I think that trifling (another person may not).

The word "think" in such phrases is not translated into Irish.

1r riu ouit out so n-Atbain. It is really worth your while to go to Scotland (whether you think so or not).

CIS LIOM, I CAN, I AM ABLE.

643. Although there is a regular verb reudaim, meaning I can, I am able, it is not always used. The two other expressions often used to translate the English verb "I can," are tix tiom and if reivily tiom.

The following examples will illustrate the uses of the verbs.

Present Tense.

reudain, tis tiom* or if reidin tiom,†

I can, or am able.

reudain tú, tis teat or if reidin teat.

&c., &c.

Negative.

ni renoam, ni tiz tiom; or I cannot, I am not able.

Interrogative.

An odin tead? or

Can you? or are you able?

Negative Interrogative.

nac reiviji teir?

Can he not? or is he not able?

Past Tense.

O fewdar, thing tiom, or or or fewdar, thing tiom.

Imperfect.

O' feurainn, tizearo tiom. I used to be able.

^{*} Literally: It comes with me † It is possible with me.

Future.

reuorao, tiocraio tiom. I shall be able.

Conditional.

O' reurrainn, no tiocrand I would be able.

The reivin terr, (He thinks) he cannot.

The reivin not, He cannot (It is absolutely impossible for him).

I MUST.

644. The verb "must," when it means necessity or duty, is usually translated by the phrase ni rulain or caitrio. This latter is really the third person singular, future tense of caitim; but the present and other tenses are also frequently used. It may also be very neatly rendered by the phrase, ir éigean oo (lit. it is necessary for).

ni ruldin dom, caitrid mé, or I must.

The fixean oute.

ni fullih do, caitrid ré, or he must. &c., &c.

The English phrase "have to" usually means "must," and is translated like the above: as, I have to go home now. Cartrio me out a batte anoir.

The English verb "must," expressing duty or necessity, has no past tense of its own. The English past tense of it would be "had to:" as, "I had to go away then." The Irish translation is as follows:—

Nion b'fuldin dom, Cait mé, or I had to.

Nion b'fuldin duic. Cait cu, or You had to.

The English verb "must" may also express a supposition; as in the phrase "You must be tired." The simplest translation of this is "Ni rutain 50 bruit cumpe one," or, "Ni rutain no ca cumpe one." The phrase "ir coramait 50," meaning "It is probable that," may also be used: as, ir coramait 50 bruit cumpe one.

The English phrase "must have always expresses supposition, and is best translated by the above phrase followed by a verb in the past tense, as, "You must have been hungry," In rutain 50 notestato reamat.

ní ruláin ζυη cuaio (or ζο noeażaio) ré amac, is used in Munster.

I ESTEEM.

645. I esteem is translated by the phrase Tá mear as am ap. Literally, "I have esteem on.

I esteem John. Did you esteem him? He says that he greatly esteems you.

Cá mear agam an Seagán. Raib mear agat ain? Dein ré 50 bruil mea; mon aise ontra.

I DIE.

646. Although there is a regular verb, euz, die, in Irish it is not often used; the phrase seroim bar, I find death, is usually employed now. The following examples will illustrate the construction:-

The old man died yester- ruain an rean-rean bar day.

moé.

We all die.

Šeibmio uile báp.

I shall die.

Šeóbao bár.

They have just died. You must die.

Cáio can éir báir o'ratáil Caitrio tú bár o'ratáil

I OWE.

647. There is no verb "owe" in Irish. Its place is supplied by saying "There is a debt on a person.

Cá riac* onm.

I owe.

Whenever the amount of the debt is expressed the word riac is usually omitted and the sum substituted.

He owes a pound.

Tá púnt ain.

You owe a shilling.

Tá rsilling onc.

^{*} The plural of this word, placa, is very frequently used in this phrase.

When the person to whom the money is due is mentioned, the construction is a little more difficult: as, I owe you a pound as, Tá púnc agac onm, i.e., You have (the claim of) a pound on me—the words in brackets being always omitted.

He owes me a crown.

Here is the man to whom you owe the money.

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I MEET.

648. The verb "meet" is usually translated by the phrase "there is turned on," e.g., "I meet a man" is translated by saying "A man is turned on me." Captar rear orm (trom or room); but the phrase bualtear (or tarla) rear orm is also used. I met the woman, το carao an bean orm (trom or room).

They met two men on the road.

I met John.

Oo capao beint reap opta an an mbotap

Unait Seasan umam.

Physical Sensations.

649. All physical sensations, such as hunger, thirst, weariness, pain, &c., are translated into Irish by saying that "hunger, thirst, &c., is on a person;" as, I

am hungry. Τά οσραγ opm. Literally, hunger is on mc. He is thirsty. Τά ταρτ αιμ. Literally, thirst is on him.

The same idiom is used for emotions, such as pride, joy, sorrow, shame, &c. The following examples will illustrate the construction:—

Druit ochar ont?

Ni fuit ochar onm anoir.

Di an-tant ohainn inoé.

Di ana tant ohainn inoé.

Druit náine onta?

Di náine an traosait uinni.

Are you hungry?
I am not hungry now.
We were very thirsty
yesterday.
Are they ashamed?
She was very much
ashamed.

Deid bhod moh am. He will be very proud.

Raib cumpe one? Were you tired?

Πά biod eagla one. Don't be afraid.

Τά ana coolad opm. I am very sleepy.

Τά γιαξυάπ ορε. You have a cold.

Whenever there is a simple adjective in Irish corresponding to the English adjective of mental or physical sensation, we have a choice of two constructions, as:—

I am cold. Tá mé ruan or tá ruact* onm.
You are sick. Tá tú tinn " tá tinnear ont.
(or bheoite)
I was weary. Dí mé tuinreac " bí tuinre onm.

^{*} Distinguish between rtażpán a cold (a disease) and ruacr, the cold, coldness (of the weather) and the adjective ruan, cold.

Tá mé tinn and tá tinnear opin have not quite the same meaning, Tá mé tinn means I fiel sick; but tá tinnear opin means I am in some sickness, such as fever, &c.

I CANNOT HELP.

650. The English phrase "I cannot help that," is translated by saying I have no help on that. It full neare agam air rin. The word teigear, "cure," may be used instead of neare.

When "cannot help" is followed by a present participle in English, use ni { Féadaim { Féadaim } Fan, with verbal noun: as, I cannot help laughing, ni { Féadaim } Féadaim }

I AM ALONE.

651. There are two expressions which translate the English word "alone" in such sentences as I am alone, He is alone, &c., i.e., Cáim im aonan, or Cáim tiom réin (I am in my oneship, or I am by (with) myself). He is alone. Cá ré na aonan, or Cá ré teir réin. She was alone. Dí rí 'na n-aonan, or Dí rí téiti réin. We shall be alone. Déimio 'nán n-aonan. or béimio tinn réin.

I ASK.

652. The English word "ask" has two distinct meanings according as it means "beseech" or "inquire." In Irish there are two distinct verbs, viz.,

lappaim, I ask (for a favour), and prappingim, I ask (for information). Before translating the word "ask" we must always determine what is its real meaning, and then use rapp or prapping accordingly.

Ask your friend for money. 1app ainsead an do capaid.

Ask God for those graces. 1app ap Oia na spárca roin a tabainc ouic.

Ask him what o'clock it is.

He asked us who was that
at the door.

They asked me a question.

Fiarhuis de cad a clos é.
O' riarhuis ré dinn cia'h
b'é rin as an dohar.
O'riarhuiseadan ceirt
diom.

653. I DO NOT CARE,

I do not care.
It is no affair of mine.
Is it not equal to you?
It is no affair of yours.
You don't care.
He does not care.
It is no affair of his.
We did not care.
It was no affair of ours.
They did not care.

1p cuma tiom.
1p cuma tom.
1n cuma tout?
1p cuma teat.
1p cuma teip.
1p cuma to.
Da cuma tinn.
Da cuma tunn.
Da cuma teo.

(See what has been said about the prepositions te and oo in the Idiom "I prefer," par. 642.)

I OUGHT.

654. "I ought" is translated by the phrase of conforceast own. You ought, or compount, or ceast out. We ought to go home, or compount a batte. We ought to have gone home, bu compount a batte. As the word "ought" has no inflection for the past tense in English, it is necessary to use the past infinitive in English to express past time. But as the Irish expression, or comp, has a past tense (bu comp) the simple verbal noun is always used in Irish in such expressions.

Ought you not have gone to nan coin out so Derry with them?

Ought you not have gone to nan coin out so

He ought not have gone nion coin to inteact. away.

English Dependent Phrases translated by the Verbal Noun.

655. Instead of the usual construction, consisting of a verb in a finite tense followed by its subject (a noun or a pronoun), we very frequently meet in Irish with the following construction. The English finite verb is translated by the Irish verbal noun, and the English subject is placed before the verbal noun. If the subject be a noun it is in the nominative form, but if a pronoun in the disjunctive form.

The following examples will exemplify the idiom:—

I'd prefer that he should be there rather than myself.

Oo b'reaph tiom é oo beit ann ná mire.

Is it not better for us that these should not be in the boat. Nac reapp duinn san 120 ro do deit inr an mbád.

I saw John when he was coming home.

Connaic mé Seatán agur é ag teact a baile.

I knew him when I was a boy.

bí aithe agam ain agur mé im buacaill.

The clock struck just as he was coming in.

Oo huait an clos asur é as ceact irceac.

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Idiomatic Expressions.

CUIR.

Cuin onmra é.

Cuinimpe ontra é.

Cuin umac onc).

Cuin an Tant 50 mon ain.

Cuippeadra d'fiacaib onc rcao.

Cuip iscall sin é (s) Make him do it. Čeanam.

na cuip opm 7 ni cuippeao onc.

Cuin ré a nian.

Cuin ré rono onm.

Cuip ré rpeic (or rupán) onm.

Cuipear nómam a déanam.

Tá cun rior (tháct or 10mpát) an an 5co5at.

Cum re cularo éadait dá roeanam.

Cuin ré 'na tuite onm.

Cuin i scar sun raisoiún mire.

Cuip an bun.

Cuip (bain)

5Concais.

Cá ré as cup cúiceam.

Say it was I did it.

I say it was you did it.

Dress yourself.

Thirst annoyed him

greatly.

I'll make you stop.

Don't interfere with me and I will not interfere with you.

He tracked him (her, them).

He addressed me.

I resolved to do it.

There is talk about the war.

He got a suit of clothes made.

He convinced me of it.

Suppose me to be a soldier.

Established.

ré raoi i He settled down in Cork.

'r A5 He is debating in his mind.

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CABAIR.

Cabain ruar. Cá ré cabanta.

Cá ré buaitte ruar

Ca ré custa (cananta) vo'n locc ran.

Cabain oo onum teir.

Ċugar rė noeán(a) an rotar.

ζά τέ τοβορτο γυση.

Cug ré ruar.

Cá cabanta ruar aige.

Ir beacaintín nne 7 éiteac

bo tabant b'á céile.

Cá cabant ruar món ain.

Surrender.

He is played out.

He is addicted to that vice,

Turn your back to him. I noticed the light.

He has been given up for dead.

He gave in.

He has given in.

It is hard to reconcile truth and falsehood.

He is highly cducated.

vean.

Déan nuo an oo mitain. Ni oéanpao ré nuo onm. Nac mait nac noeánnair réin é!

Nac most ná déanann tú réin hud an do mátain?

Musip tuiseadap a feabar do dinir (pinnir) an beapt.

Oéan aine (vo) tabaint voo thó réin.

Déan do thó péin.

Cabain aine σου 5no rein.

Obey your mother.

He would not oblige me. How well you didn't do it yourself!

Why don't you obey your mother yourself?

When they understood how well you had done the trick.

Mind your own business.

Déan na ba oo cino (bleagan).

Milk the cows.

an noeannair an oomir 70 thán 10 ?

Did you shut the door?

Tả rẻ ag véanam opainn. He is coming towards us.

mさら.

Conur (cionnur) o' imtit How did he get on? teir?

Cao o' imtit ain?

What became of him? What happened to him?

Nuain tuiceann puo man reo amac.

When something like this happens.

Cao imteocar onm? (Creur émeodar rom?)

What will become of me?

nā.

Dob' é an céan ouine no buait uime ná Seatán LIAĊ.

1r é nuò oob' feann teir a reircint 11 & na Saranait To tem o's noibing ar Eipinn..

1ré nuo oo tuz anoir cum caince leat mé ná mé **δ**ειτ ι χομιαδ-ζάς.

Tré puo oo pinne (dein) an rean Mácaiteam leo.

The first person he met was Seatán Liat.

What he wished most to see was the banishment of the whole of the English from Ireland. What brought me to talk with you now is the fact that I am in difficulty. What the man did was to throw at them.

τη έ μισ το το το Séamar απηταίη Πά ί Βροππατό αιμ.

Ir é nuo aveinead zac éinne ná zun mait ain. What James did then was to make him a present of it.

What everyone used to say was that it was a great blessing for him.

mor.

1r mon le nati é.

1r mon le maoideam é.

Πίοη πόη το ηλό 6.

Ni món dom pillead. Ni món dom pluaireacc.

ni mon tinn ouic.

Ni môp tiom đồ é. Ni mộp nac (ná 50) bruit

ré véanca. Ni mon na 50 mbero ré

chiochuiste. Cá món room, &c.?

11 πότο (πό + το) ξο ταξατο.

It is important.

It is a thing to be proud of, or boast about.

It was not of muck importance.

I must return.

I must take my departure.

We have no objection to your doing so.

I don't grudge it to him.

It is almost done.

It will be nearly finished.

Why shouldn't I, &c.? lit., how is it too much for me?

How grand you have got! It is not *likely* that I shall go.

beas.

1r beas from é.
1r beas opm é.
1r beas asam é.
1r beas an rséal é.

Ir beas an cabain cu.
Ir beas vá fior asac.
Ir beas nac micro vó beic as imceacc.
Da beas nán micro vó beic as imceacc.
Ir beas a bhís é.
Ir beas má cá éinne i

n-Eininn o' readrad e

véanam.

I consider it too small. I don't like it at all. I have no great opinion of him. It's no great harm. He is not to be pitied. You are not of much use. 'Tis little you know. It is nearly time for him to be going. It was nearly time for him to be going. It is a trifle. There is hardly a person in Ireland who could do it.

Miscellaneous.

An éineocair (ré) tinn?
Dí ré as éinse ruan.
Mait an áit so habair!
Mait man tánta.
Níon tabain ré riú aon focat amáin.
San riú na h-anáta roo taphains (tapac).
Fiú án nraoine réin.

Shall we succeed?

It was getting cold.

Well said! or Well done!

It has happened luckily.

He did not speak a single word.

Without even taking breath.

Even our own people.

Cá ré a5 out 1 breabar. Cá ré a5 out 1 n-olcar. Abain é! Ní cuimin tiom a teicéio.

O tápla an leaban agam anoir.

Ca régeattle beit rottam Cá ré rottam nac mon. Ni fuit out uait agac. Cá an rean ran ag out i mbeo onm.

Tá ré i pioct báir.

Tá ré le h-uct báir.

Ir millte(ac) an rgéal é.

Ir caillte an lá é le rlice.

Sgéal gan vat.

Leig (leog) vom réin lev'

cuiv cainte.

Cad é an curo acá agacha de?

An curo ip luga de dá uaip pa mbliadain.

Copp na h-éascóna. Le copp víomaomir.

Tá phúc để n đeapt aise. Tr leam an shó được é. He is getting better.

He is getting worse.

Hear! hear! Bravo!

I don't remember the like of it.

As I happen to have the book now.

It is almost empty.

You cannot avoid it.

That man's conduct cuts

me to the quick.

He is at the point of death.

It is a terrible affair.
It is a terribly wet day.
A very unlikely story.
Don't annoy me with your talk.

What right (call) have you to it?

At least twice a year.

The essence of wrong.

Through downright laziness.

He is partly right.
'Tis an absurd thing for you to do.

Cao ina taob na ceannuiseann cú bhósa duic réin? San an c-ainsead do beit asam.

Cá ré an nór cuma tiom. Cé tá an án otí? Cá ré an oo tí.

Orome nác mé.

Dí cead paop aige ap dut.

Ir duat atap dó.

Di mo tupar i n-airdeap.

Ca teigeann tú a tear.

Sogaille gó.

Dero ran 'na marta 7 'na

sut an a sclu an vá lá r an raiva a beió spian ra rpéin.

Cá ré beasán ruan.

Cá ré noinne bodan.

Cá ré san beit an rósnam,

lli fuit an e-ubatt ro aibió i sceane.

11 cunraide sáinide é.

Vo sáinrá, muna mbead

nac cuir Bainide é.

Why don't you buy boots for yourself? Because I have not the money.

He is indifferent.
Who is intending us harm?
He is bent on attacking
you. He intends to
harm you.

Others besides myself. He had permission to go. He has it from his father. My journey was in vain. You need not.

A fool's errand; a wild goose chase.

That will be a reproach and a blot on their fame the longest day the sun will be in the sky.

It is a little cold.

He is somewhat deaf.

He is a little unwell.

This apple is not quite ripe.

It is nothing to laugh at.

You would laugh only
that it is not a matter
to laugh at.

Ni cupraide caince é.

Cappains cusat nuo éisinc eile man cuppaide masaid.

Cavé an snó acá asac ve?
Do baineav iappace ve

šeie ar.

Ní ruit aon san as onéim teir an mbatta.

Ni raib aon maitear 'na thop.

או שטיספ בעף רבחוסט רפ מח עובוף.

Sabaim tem' air rin oo oeanain.

Cábuideacapagamont (pé)
Cám buideac díot (pé.)
Deinim buideacap duit
man featt (fiott) ain.
Sabaim buideacap teat
man featt ain.

beid từ đểanac (đểiđeanac) as an thaen.

θειό τὰ σέαπας αη ηξοιτ. δί συιο αςα ξά μάο 50 μαιο δειμτε (δεμτα) αμ απ ποιτεαίπηας.

Ειμεσόλιτο α όμοιτο αμ. Τιληπιαίτο.

It is nothing to talk about. Find something else to make fun about.

What do you want it for? He was slightly startled.

There's no use trying to get up on the wall.

In vain did he cry (talk, speak).

Perhaps he did not write the letter.

I propose to do that.

I am thankful to you (for).

I thank you for it.

You will be late for the train.

You will be late for school. Some of them were saying that the rascal was caught.

It will break Dermot's heart.

Staine piao an tainibib. Munab one atá an caine!

Luit an caint so tein an an matalons a bi imtiste an Saob.

Mion imitis opta act an nuo a bi tuille aca.

Čeip opainn ceace ruar teo.

Tá ré as déanam aithir an a caint.

Cá ré an an brean ir raidbhe ra Mumain.

1r σόζα χυρ σόις teo.

Cá ré buaitre irreac im aisne.

Loipsead iad 'na mbeataid.

Cao aoéanpao con an bic aise?

Dí bheir món 7 a 5ceant aca dá fagáil.

Dí conóin ré'n bpúnc aca Dá rasáil.

Di zac uile duine az deanam chuaiz (chuaza) They burst out laughing.
What talk you have! If
it isn't you have the
talk

The whole conversation turned on the misfortune which had befallen Sive.

They only got what they had deserved.

We failed to overtake them.

He is mimicking his manner of talking.

He is the richest man in Munster.

Probably they imagine.

I am firmly convinced.

They were burnt alive.

What will I do at all with him?

They were getting a great deal more than their right.

They were getting five shillings in the pound.

Everyone was sympathising with her. Commany to Seasan an té ba pine aca.

ba voic teat ain sun teir an ait.

ni paib a tuaipirs ann.

Com mait agur oá mba ná paib éagcóin an bit ann.

O'fiarpuit ré cao ré nocáp an rult.

Cé'n a mac tú?

Ni maitreal puinn ouic.

Ca b'fior ouic?

A rzéat réin rzéat zac éinne.

Cura ré noeán roin.

Tá znó nac é asam.

ni caire dom rein.

The eldest of them was the same age as John.

You (one) would imagine by him that he owned the place.

There wasn't a trace of him there.

Just as if it were not wrong.

He asked what was the cause of the merriment.

Whose son are you?

You will meet your match.

How did you know?

Everyone is most interested in his own affairs.

You are the cause of that.

I have a different matter to look after.

I am no exception; i.e., I am the same as the others.

The Autonomous Form of the Irish Yerb.

It is sometimes necessary or convenient to express an action without mentioning the subject, either because the latter is too general or not of sufficient importance to be mentioned, or because there is some other reason for suppressing it. Most languages have felt this necessity, and various means have been adopted to supply it. The use of the passive voice, or of reflexive verbs, or of circumlocutions, is the method generally adopted in other languages. In Irish there is a special form of the verb for this purpose. As it has no subject expressed it is sometimes called the Indefinite form of the verb: as it forms a complete sentence in itself it is also called the Autonomous or Independent form.

An English verb cannot stand without its subject. For example, "walks," "walked," etc., express nothing. The English verbs cannot alone make complete sense. The Autonomous form of Irish verbs can stand alone. The word "Dualteap" is a complete sentence. It means that "the action of striking takes place." The Autonomous form stands without a subject; in fact it cannot be united to a subject, because the moment we express a subject the ordinary 3rd person singular form of the particular tense and mood must be substituted. Dualteap an bopo. Someone (they, people, we, etc.) strikes the table; but bualteann an peap (ré, riao, na daoine, etc.) an bopo

We shall take the sentence: Dualtean an 5aoan te cloic o taim Caros. The word "bualtean" of itself conveys a complete statement, viz., that the action of

striking takes place. The information given by the single word "busitean" is restricted to the action. There are circumstances surrounding that action of which we may wish to give information; e.g. "What is the object of the action?" "An 5aoan." "What is the instrument used?" "Le ctoic." "Where did the stone come from?" "O taim taios." We may thus fill in any number of circumstances we please, and fit them in their places by means of the proper prepositions, but these circumstances do not change the nature of the fundamental word "buaitceap."

It may be objected that the word "busiteean" in the last sentence is passive voice, present tense, and means "is struck," and that "an savan" is the subject of the verb. Granted for a moment that it is passive voice. Now since "Dualteann ouine éigin é," somebody strikes him, is active voice, as all admit, and by supposition "busiteean e," somebody strikes him, or, he is struck, is passive, then comes the difficulty, what voice is "tatan buailte," somebody is struck? it is the passive of "buaitcean"; and if so "buaitcean" itself cannot be passive, though it may be rendered by a passive in English. If we are to be guided merely by the English equivalent, then "busiteann" in the above phrase is as much a passive voice as "buaitcean," because it can be correctly translated into English by a passive verb: viz., He is struck.

When we come to consider this form in intransitive verbs, our position becomes much stronger in favour of the Autonomous verb. Let us consider the following sentence: Subaltap ap an mbotap nual bionn an botan cinim, acc nuain bionn an botan riuc, riubaltan an an Sclaide. People walk on the road when it is dry, but when the road is wet they walk on the path. Where is the nominative case of the so called passive verb here? Evidently there is none The verb stands alone and conveys complete sense. If we wish to express the nominative, the Autonomous form of the verb cannot be used. In the above sentence we might correctly say: Siublann ré (riad, rinn, na daoine, etc.), but not riubaltan é (iad, rinn, na daoine, etc.)

Probably classical scholars will draw analogies from Latin and quote such instances as, Concurritur ad muros. Ventum est ad Vestae. Sic itur ad astra. Deinde venitur ad portam; where we have intransitive verbs in an undoubtedly passive construction, and therefore, by analogy, the true signification of rubattan in the above sentence is "It is walked," and it is simply an example of the impersonal passive construction. Now, if conclusions of any worth are to be drawn from analogies, the analogies themselves must be complete. The classical form corresponding to the Irish Dicean as rubat an an mbotan nuam botan timm, etc., or catan as rubat an an mbotan anoir is wanting, and therefore the analogy is incomplete and deductions from it are of little value.

One of the strongest arguments we have in favour of the Autonomous verb is the fact that the verb "to be" in Irish possesses every one of the forms possessed by transitive and intransitive verbs. The analogy with Latin again fails here. Cácan as ceace,

Somebody is coming. Deroran as rubat, Somebody will be walking. Huan moturs an t-atac 50 nabtar as ceansalt a cor, When the giant perceived that they were binding his legs.

The Irish Autonomous form cannot be literally translated into English, because no exact counterpart exists in English, hence the usual method of translating this form i to use the English passive voice, but the Irish verb is not therefore passive. To give an instance of the incapability of the English language to express literally the force of the Autonomous verb, notice the English translation of the subjoined example of the continued use of the Autonomous verb in an Irish sentence.

"Air ana-aeneac ip ead an air pin: nuaip biceap as sabail an theo pain i n-am maiph na h-oidce, airisteap coipideace o'a déanain 7 pothom map beiride as pit 7 pothom eile map beiride as teicead, 7 annrain airisteap pothom map tiocpaide puar 7 map buailpide 7 map beiride paoi bualad 7 map bpirride, 7 annrain airisteap map bead deaps-puatan 7 toip."

This passage cannot be literally translated: the following will give a fair idea of its meaning: "That place is frequented by fairies: when one is walking near it in the dead stillness of the night, footsteps are heard and loud noises, as if people were running and fleeing, and then other noises are heard as if people were overtaking (those who were running away), and were striking and being struck, and as if they were being broken in pieces, and then are heard noises as if they were in hot rout and pursuit."

The Autonomous form of the verb has a passive voice of its own formed by the addition of the verbal adjective (or past participle) of the verb to the Autonomous forms of the verb to be; e.g., Tatap busite, etc.

This form of the Irish verb has a full conjugation through all the moods and tenses, active and passive voices; but has only one form for each tense. All verbs in Irish, with the single exception of the assertive verb 17, have this form of conjugation. 17 can have no Autonomous form, because 17 has no meaning by itself. It is as meaningless as the sign of equality (=) until the terms are placed one on each side of it.

To sum up then, the Irish Autonomous form is not passive, for—

- (1) All verbs (except 17), transitive and intransitive, even the verb ca, have this form of conjugation.
- (2) This form has a complete passive voice of its own
- (3) The disjunctive forms of the personal pronouns are always used with it; e.g., buaitean é.
- (4) Very frequently when a personal pronoun is the object of the Autonomous form of the verb, it is placed last in the sentence or clause to which it belongs, thus giving a very close analogy with the construction of the active verb, already explained in par. 585. High clan dam... Sup rectad press ran scott red me... It was not long until I was driven into this wood. To teigearad 6 n-a scheactaid iad. They were healed of their wounds.
 - (5) Lastly, and the strongest point of all, in the

minds of native Irish speakers, without exception, the word busitees in such sentences as "busitees an zavan" is active, and zavan is its object. Surely those Irish speakers are the best judges of the true shape of their own thoughts.

We will now give a synopsis of the various forms of the Autonomous verb, beginning with the verb cá.

The Yerb TA.

má tátap	hey,	is, are. is not, are not. does be, do be. does not be, do not be. was, were. was not, were not. used to be. will be. would be. be. is, are. does be, do be.	
•	(If). ay).	were, would be. be (for once).	
so mbicean! (M	(ay).	be (generally).	
Deipim 50 bruitceap, I say that someone, etc., is.			
Deinim na ruitcean		" " is not.	

^{*} tátanr or táta'r. † ruilteanr, ruiltea'r.

An Intransitive Verb.

Siubaltan. cátan as riubal. biceap as riubal. riublao. Someone, we, they, people, etc. bitear as riubal. riubaltaoi. bici as riubat. riubalpan. beiran as riubat. riubalfaoi. beiri as riubat. riubaltan (Let) (Let) bicean as riubat má riubatran (If). etc. (If). vá riubaltaoi To a mbeiri as riubat (If)

walks, walk. is (are) walking. does (do) be walking. walked. was (were) walking. used to walk. used to be walking. will walk. will be walking. would walk. would be walking. walk. be walking. is (are) walking.

A Transitive Verb.

A noun is placed after the active forms in order to show the cases.

Ouailtean an clán. Tátan as bualad an cláin. Someone is striking the

Someone strikes the table. table.

were walking.

Tá an ctáp vá (\$\darkappa a) buatav. The table is being struck.

Someone is struck. Tátan busilte.

Someone is being struck. Tátan ré bualad, Dicean as buatad an ctain. Someone usually strikes

the table.

To buailead an clap.

Someone struck the table.

Vitear as buatao an claim. Someone was striking the table.

Dí an cláp vá (\$á) bualav. The table was being struck.

bitear buailte.

Ditear ré buatao.

Duailtí an cláp.

Dici as buatao an ctain.

Dici buailce.

Ouailran (buailrean) an clán.

Deipan as buatao an ctain.

beirap buail ce.

Ouaitri (buaitride) an ctán.

Deifí as bualad an cláip.

Deiri buailte.

Duaittean an clap.

Dicean as bualad an claim.

Má buailtean an cláp. Má bítean as bualaú an

cláin.

etc.

Od mbuailfi an clap.

Someone was struck.

Someone was being struck.

Someone used to strike the table.

Someone used to be striking the table.

Someone used to be struck.

Someone will strike the table.

Someone will be striking the table.

Someone will be struck.

Someone would strike the table.

Someone would be striking the table.

Someone would be struck.

Let someone strike the table.

Let someone be striking the table.

If someone strikes the table.

If someone does be striking the table.

If someone were to strike the table.

Oá mbeirí az buatar an If someone were to be ctáin. striking the table.

Before leaving this important subject it may not be uninteresting to see what some Irish grammarians have thought of the Autonomous form.

O'Donovan in his Irish Grammar (p. 183) wrote as follows:—

"The passive voice has no synthetic form to denote persons or numbers; the personal pronouns, therefore, must be always expressed, and placed after the verb; and, by a strange peculiarity of the language, they are always 'in the accusative form.'

"For this reason some Irish scholars have considered the passive Irish verb to be a form of the active verb, expressing the action in an indefinite manner; as, buaitean mé, i.e., some person or persons, thing or things, strikes or strike me; buaitean é, some person or thing (not specified) struck him. But it is more convenient in a practical grammar to call this form by the name passive, as in other languages, and to assume that tú, é, í, and 140, which follow it, are ancient forms of the nominative case."

Molloy says in his Grammar, page 62:-

"Verbs have a third form which may be properly called deponent; as busitees me, I am (usually) beaten; busitees ú, thou art (usually) beaten; busitees é, he is (usually) beaten. The agent of this form of the verb is never known; but although verbs of this form always govern the objective case, like active verbs, still they must be rendered in English

by the passive; as, busites 120, they were beaten. Here 120 is quite passive to the action; for it suffers the action which is performed by some unknown agent."

Again at page 99, he says:-

"But there is another form of the verb which always governs an objective case; and although it must be translated into the passive voice in English, still it is a deponent, and not a passive, form in Irish; as, bualtean mé, etc. The grammarians who maintain that this form of the verb takes a nominative case clearly show that they did not speak the language; for no Irish speaking person would say bualtean ré, rí, riao. It is equally ridiculous to say that é, í, iao, are nominatives in Irish, although they be found so in Scotch Gaelic."

Further on, at page 143, he states again that "deponent verbs govern an objective case."

Thus we plainly see that O'Donovan and Molloy bear out the fact that the noun or pronoun after the Autonomous form of the verb is in the accusative case, though the former says it is more convenient to assume that it is in the nominative case!

APPENDICES.

Appendix I.

NOUNS OF THE FIRST DECLENSION.

αθμάη, a song.
αύαρταμ, a halter.
άύδη, a cause.
αύπο, wood.
απατό, a fool.
απατό, a sight.
απμαγ, doubt.
αοιθπαγ, delight.
αοιθπαγ, delight.
αοιθπαγ, delight.
αοιθπαγ, hillock.
αμπη, an army: pl. αιμπ, αμπα.
ατ, swelling or tumour.
άταγ, gladness.

báo, boat. balbán, dummy. (stammerer). bánn, top. bár, death. beazán, a little. biao, food; gen. bio. bionán, a pin. biceamnac, rascal. blar, taste. bonn, sole, foundation. **bότ**λη, road; nom. pl. bόιτηe. bnaoán, a salmon. ομόο, joy, pride. bnomac, foal or colt. **b**μόη, sorrow. bruac, brink; pl. bruaca. buroeacar, thanks. bun, bottom.

carpeal,* a stone fortress.

capbao, chariot. capin, heap. carán, path. carúp, hammer. CAT, cat. ceann, head or end. ceot, music; pl. ceotra. ceuolonzao, t breakfast. cineát, kind or sort. cteamnar, marriage alliance. ctéijieac, clerk ctoz, bell, clock. cosaó, war; pl. costa or cozaróe. copán, cup. cheroeam, faith, religion. cuan, bay or haven; pl. cuanca. cuban, foam. cut, back of the head.

vaot, beetle.
veipeav, end.
viabat, devil.
vinneup, dinner.
vocap, harm.
voiceatt, grudge, reserve.
voman, earth, world.
vonar misfortune.
vopar, door; pl. νοιμγε.
vuav, difficulty.
vuccap, inherited instinct.

eanbatt, a tail. eannac, Spring. ercean, ivy. eotar, knowledge. euroac, cloth, clothes.

This word also means a child's spinning "top."

⁺ In spoken language breicrearts, m., is used for "breakfast."

rapsaό, shelter.
ropsaό, shelter.
riac, raven; pl. réic or réiż.
rocat, a word; pl. rocait or
rocta.
rosman, Autumn.
ronn, tune or air.

Saban, goat.
Saoan, beagle.
Sannat, gander.
Sappún, a young boy.
Seaman, green corn.
Seáppcac, young bird
Star, lock.
Stón, voice.
Sob, beak (of a bird).
Speann, humour.
Suat, coal.

iapann, iron. (p)iolap, eagle. ionao, place. ipleán, hollow.

Laoz, calf.
táμ, middle.
teabaμ, a book; pl. teabaμ,
teabμα.
teabμα, hooklet.
teacaμ, leather.
teun, misfortune
tíon, a net; pl. tíonτα.
tón, provision.
toμχ, a track.

mασιά or mασμα, a dog; pl. mασμανόε.
mαζιά, mockery, ridicule.
mασι, a steward.
mαρι, steer or beeve.
meaċ, failure.
mutteán, blame.
mionnán, kid.
moμά, much, many.

mullac, top; pl. mullaije.

naom, a saint. neaμτ, strength. οτμαγ, hunger. όμ, gold.

págánac, a pagan. páipeuµ, paper. píobán, windpipe or neck. poμτ, tune or air. pµeucán, crow.

nian, track; gen. piain.
· μότο, road.
· μύτι, secret.

rac, a sack. razant, a priest. razar, kind or sort. ralann, salt. րձարձծ, summer. raożat, life, world. raon, craftsman, artisan. raotan, exertion, work. reabac, hawk. reor, a precious thing, jewel: pl. reora. rzeut, news; pl. rzeula; rzeutza, stories. rlabnao, chain; pl. rlabnaroe. rop, wisp. rόμτ,} kind or sort. rpionato, a spirit. rpop, a spur. γρόητ, sport. γτόη, treasure store. ruaimnear, repose.

tamall, a short space of time.
taorpeac, a captain, a leader.
teatlac, hearth.
trorgán, furniture.
túr, beginning

Appendix II.

A list of feminine mouns ending in a broad consonant, belonging to the Second Declension.

Nom.	Gen.	MEANING.
a o anc	ατολιηισε	a horn
b ábó ς	b ά b όι <u>ς</u> e	a doll
báiroeac	δάιγοι <u>ζ</u> ε	rain
bannac	bannaise	tow
beac	beiće	bee
beann	beinne	a mountain peak
beanac	beapaiże	a heifer
bláżac	bláitte or blátaite	
bor	boire	palm (of the hand)
bjieiċ	bjiei če	judgmen's
bjieus	bμέιζε	a lie
bniatan	b μέιτμ e	word of honour
bμό ς	bjióiʒe	a shoe
bjiui š ea n	bjuužne	palace, fort
b uroean	burone	a troop
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cailleac	caillise	an old woman
ceats	ceitze	deceit.
ceanc	CINCE	hen
ceápo	céiproe	a trade
CIALL	céille	sense
CIAn	céine (pl. cianta)	distance
cianós	C1411ό15e	beetle
cíon	cípe	a comb
cláipreac	cláinriże	a harp
clann	cloinne or clainne	children
cl oċ	cloice	a stone
cluar	cluaire	an ear
clúm	cluime	plumage
cnea rò	c ner oe	a wound
colpač	colpai że	a heifer
cor	corre	a foot
сраов	cpaoibe	a branch
Chaoileac	chaoiriże	a spear
chevç	cheice	plunder
cheaz	сретбе	crag
chioc	chiće	end
cηoċ	cjioiċe	gibbet
cμο μ	choire	cross
cuaċ •	Cuaice	cuckoo
cuileog	cuileoize	a fly

Nom,	Gen.	Meaning.
040 4¢	oaibće	a vat
oeald	roe₁∵ŏe	a form
oeal5	-ое1 13е	a thora
o eoċ ᢅ	• ဗ ၢဌံဧ	a drink
o íon	roine	protection
ooinea nn	ooininne	bad weather
opeaċ	opeice	face, visage
earóz	еаро́іъе	a weasel
react	reič c e	time, occasion
reaps	reinze	anger
reuróz	reuró13e	beard
ritteall	ritcille	chess
rlead	rleroe	a feast
rlears	rleirze	\mathbf{wreath}
rneum	rnéime	a root
ruinneoz	ruinneoize	window
ruinnreoz .	ruinnreoize	an ash
ruireo2	ruireoize	a lark
ζ αδιό <u>ς</u>	zablóize	a little fork
540t	5401¢e	\mathbf{wind}
5ealac	zealaiże	moon
zeuz	ʒé1 ʒ e	branch
3103	Σί Σe	squeak
Zeihlevç	zeinmże i	_
Sionpač	Zionraiże (girl
<u>S</u> lún	ζlúine	knee
Shiran	Spéine	sun
24nv2	241nv12e	hair
1 a ll	é itle	thong
ınżean	ınğıne	daughter
lám	láime	hand
larós	laróise	match light)
latač	laitce, lataije	mud, mire
leac	Leice	a stone flag
lea t	Le i č e	half, side
long	Luinge	ship
Lúb	Lúibe	loop
luċ	Luice	mouse
meup	méi pe	finger
muc	muice	pig

neime

neam

heaven

Nom.	GEN.	MEANING.
óinreac	ó ınγıξe	fool (f.)
ομοός	ομοόιζε	thumb
	,	
piare	p éιγτe	reptile
piarcoz	piarcóise	worm
piob	píbe	musical pipe
pļuc	pluice	cheek
ρόζ	ρόι ς e	kiss
man	ηέιη ε	order, regulation
rál	ráite	heel
reals	reitze	hunt
reapic	renice	love
reirpeac	reirjuże	plough
rzesc	rzeice	hawthorn bush
rzian	r5ine	knife
rziam	rzéime	comeliness
rsiač	rzéite	shield
rzópnac	rzónnaiże	throat
rspiob	rznibe	scrape
ríon	rine	weather
plat	rlaite	rod
romeann	roininne	fine weathe r
rpeat	rreite	scythe
rptanc	rplaince	spark, thunderbolt.
γμό n	{γμότη ε {γκό η δ	nose
τλοδ	taoibe	side
ceuo	τéι το e	string
conn	Tuinne	wave
theap	τηeιδe	tribe
ut	uibe	an egg

Appendix III.

NOUNS BELONGING TO THE THIRD DECLENSION.

- (a) All personal nouns ending in όιμ, ύιμ,
- (b) All abstract nouns ending in Acc.
- (c) Verbal nouns in act, ait, and amain.
- (d) The following list:—

Nom.	GENITIVE.	MEANING.
ΔĊτ	a ċta	decr ee
ainm	anma	name

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Nom.	GENITIVE.	Meaning.
Airíoc		repayment, restitution
altóipi anál	altópa anála	altar breath
anam		soul
Λοό	Anma Aoria	
Aor		Hugh folk, people
άċ	aora áta	ford
	ACA	loru
beannac c	beannacta	blessing
bain-piożan	bain-píożna	queen
bւo լ ւ	beama	a (cooking) spit
ხιċ (ხιοċ)	beača	life
blá ċ	bláta	blossom
bliaðain	bliaona	a year
blioċ c	bleacta	butter-milk
boċ	boża	tent, cot
bրu ż	bnoża	palace, mansion
buaćai ll	bnoża buacalla	boy
[†] ชนลาซ่	buaða	victory
ουνιφιμ <u>ς</u>	buaroeapra	trouble.
cabain	catha cathac	help
cáin	cána	tax
Cáirs	Cárza	Easter
CAĖ	CATA	battle
cion	ceana	love, desire, affection
cíor	ciora	rent
cit, m. (ciot)	ceata	shower
clear	cleara	a trick
ctiamain, m.	cliamna	son-in-law
Cnám	cná ṁa	bone
coolaò	copatza	sleep
cóipi	cópa	justice
connuad	connapta	compact, covenant
cornam	coranta	defence
cμάτο	cháoa	torture, destruction
chior	cheara	belt
Chut	chota	form
CUAINE	CHAPTA (OF CHAPPE)	
curo	C0 '0 4	part, sha re
σ άι t	oáta	account, meeting
ván	oána	destiny
לגס	oata	colour
veanam	veanma	make or shape
Oiapmuio	Oiapmuda	Dermot
σοέτάιμ	σοςτήμα	doctor
ομύċτ	υμάςτα	dew
opuim, m.	онота	a back
	1	

Non. GENITIVE. MEANING. éanc éajica tax, tribute euo euroa jealousy euloó euloria escape, elopement rát ráta cause, reason reapt reapta a grave, tomb reaptainn realitanna rain reióm reatima service, use reoil reota flesh, meat riacail. riacla a tooth rion ríona wine rior reara knowledge rlait plata prince roż roża a sudden attack rożluim rożlumża learning róznaö rózanita 1 (decree ruaznaö ruazanita j announcement ruače, m. ruacta cold ruarztaó ruarzluiżće ransom, redemption ruat ruata hatred ruit rola blood Sleann Sleanna valley zníoṁ zníoma act, deed 301n 30na wound **5**1160 Spáda love 5peim, m. 5neama a piece **Shuc** 5110ta curds zul 50la weeping ζuċ 30¢4 a voice ዕግለተተልተ δόληηλι a desire, request 14¢ 10ta land, country 10máin 10mána hurling (a game) ιοπμά ο 10mμάι**ότe** report, notice leabao, f. leabta a bed Leacz teadea a grave tionn beer, ale Leanna Lior a fort leara

toća

lora

locta

matim**a**

maitte

meara

loċ

lur

loċz

marom

mear

maiteam

lake

reproach

defeat, rout

forgiveness esteem

an herb

Nom.
mian
mit
moò
móin
muin

GENITIVE.
miana
meala
moòa
mona
mana

MEANING.
desire
honey
manner
bog
sea

όξ olann ollamain onóiμ orglaö ό**ζα** olna ollamna onópa opgailce

a young person wool instruction honour admission, opening

η**α**τ μεαότ, *m*. μιοότ μιτ paża peacta peata peata luck law a form running

ramla
Samna
rata
rata
reata
reata
reaca
riotéána
rleacta
rmacta
rnáma
rosa
rliata
rnióna

November shadow flower a space of time frost peace posterity a curb a swim pleasure a layer nose stream

an equal, like

Cuama

≺uaċa

a drove purpose, project a will a strand flock, drove guide, troop battle fight, quarrel Tuam

uaim aama uct octa

cave breast

tribe

tailor

Appendix IV.

THE NOUNS OF THE FIFTH DECLENSION.

The letters in brackets give the termination of the genitive singular.

ab or aba, gen. abann, a river; pl. aibne or aibneaca. aonτa(-ο), license, permission. Ana(-n), Isle of Arran; pl. Ainne, The Arran Isles. ληλ(-n), kidney. beoin (beonac), beer. bnasa(o, m., the upper part of the breast. bneiteam(an), m., a judge. bpo(-n), a quern, handmill bnoince. caona(c), a sheep; pl. caonis. cana(v), a friend : pl. canoe. catam(-thac), a city, fortress. cataoin(-neac), a chair. ceanoca(-n), a forge, smithy. ceatnama(-n), a quarter. clair(-rac), a furrow. corph(-rheac), a feast. comunra(-n), neighbour; comunican. comla(-c), a gate, door. compa(-n), a coffer, cupboard, coffin. conóin (-nac), a crown. cháin(-nac), a sow. cu, gen. con, a hound; pl. coin, cona, hounds. cúil(-aċ), a corner. cuirte(-ann', a pulse, vein. váileam(-an), a cup-bearer. vaip(-ac), an oak. veappa(-n), palm of the hand. oite(-ann), flood, deluge; pl. oileanna, oileanaca Palada(-n), science, learning. earaonta(-o), disagreement, disobedience. earcu (compound of cú), an eel. eipp(-ppeac), an oyster. eocam (eochac), a key. eonna(-n) [or gen. same as nom.], barley.

realram(-an), m., philosopher. reiceam(an), m., debtor. reom(-ac), The Nore. riożani(ac), a sign, mark. rice(AO), twenty. rozait(zlac), plunder. 500a(-n), m., a smith: pl. 5010ne 5μάτη (ζμάπας), hatred. zuala(-n), a shoulder; zuailne, zuailleaca. 10n5a(-n), a nail (of the finger); pl. ınzne. tača(-n), a duck. táin (tánac), a mare. tánama(-n), a married couple. tarain (tarnac), a flame. tátain (tátnac), a level plain. teaca(-n), m., a cheek; pl. teacameaca. tunga(-n', the shin; pl. tungene. mainircin'-cheac), a monastery. meanma(-n), the mind. míte(-ao), a soldier, warrior. náma(-τ), an enemy; pl. náimτe. nootaiz (nootaz), Christmas. ottam(-an), a doctor, professor. peappa(-n), a person. mażait (mażtać), a rule. noża(-n), a choice; pl. nożnaca, nożaineaća. ráit (rátac), a beam. reansa(-n),a cormorant. rtáit (rtátac), a stallion. τάl(-aċ), a wedge. valam, gen. valman, land. Teamaiji (Teampac - Tara. teansa(-n or v), tongue: teansta. τεομα(-n), boundary, limit. uille(-ann), an elbow. utca(-n), a beard. unra(-n), a door-jamb.

Appendix Y

A LIST OF IRREGULAR VERBAL NOUNS.

$V_{ERB_{\bullet}}$	Meaning.	VERBAL NOUN.
abain	say	ηά ^ο ·
40muiz	confess	aomáit
bain	snatch, take*	baine
beigi	bear, carry	bneit
blı ż	milk	bliżian
նըլ <u>ς</u> Նրայ ե	cook	երսո ւ
buain	reap.	buaine
Ouxin	reap.	outaine
caill	lose	cailleamain
CAIĊ	throw, open, consume	caiteam, caiteat
ceannui ż	buy	ceannac
ceit	conceal	ceilt
céım	step	cé1m
cınn	determine	cınneamaın
claoró	defeat	claoi
coimeuro	watch, guard	coimeuo
	bless	(coippeasan
corpuż	biess	(coippeasati
coirz	prevent	cors
compaic	fight	compac
cozain	whisper	cozan
consaib	keep	conzbáit
coppuis	stir, move	сопритфе
corain	defend	cornam, coraine
chero	believe	cheroeamaint
cuip	put, send	cup
оелипло	forget	σελητικο
oíot	sell	roiot
סווווןס	shut (M. move towards)	บ _{ุเนเ} งาm
σύιτιξ	awake	σύιγελότ, σύγξλο
Á 4 ==	die	6
énz	claim	έλ <u>ς</u>
éiliţ	rise, arise	éileam, éi liugao
éijiiţ		éinize ·
éirc	listen	éipteact
raż	find, get	pażáil
rá5	leave	rázáil
pan	wait	ranamaint

[·] To take a thing not offered is "bain;" but when offered, "stac"

Verb. Meaning. ráp grow

rean whistle
rean pour out, shower
reic see

reuc behold, look
riappuit ask, enquire
róttum learn
roitt suit, fit
róin help, succour

rpearoail attend, serve

ruazain (rόzain) announce, proclaim

rulaing suffer

Sab take, go
Sáin call
Seatt promise
Séim bellow, low
Staoo call
Stuarr journey, go

Soil weep Suio pray

try, ask, entreat 14111 contend, wrestle impear ımtıţ go away tell innir 10mca111 carry 10mpuis turn íoc pay wash ional

nonnpuiż approach

teag knock down
tean follow
téig let, allow
ting leap

tomain strip, pull off lie (down)

main live, exist main forgive mean think

VERBAL NOUN.

ráp
reavisait
reapitain
reicpint
reucaint
riarpuise
róstuim
roitteamaint
riapiucin
reapiait

ζευαζαιμε, ευαζμα Γρόζηα

rulanz

zabáil záipm zeallamain

zéimneacorzéimead

Staduac Stuaracc Sot Surve

tapparò
impeapgáit
imèeaèt
innpint
iomèapi
iompòò
foc
iontat
ionnpuièe
ièe

teagan teanamain**c** téigean ting

tomaine, tompao

luise

j maipeač**tain** (maptain maiteam meap VERB oit ól.

MEANING. nourisb drink*

neic 11610015 nnnc 111 Ċ noinn

sell arrange dance 11111 divide

ranit rear reinn

250H destroy, erase rspor rzum riubail rláo rnám

UV21 rurò HIAGAT TA1115 Tappains teasars ceits

tochair τό5 τόιμις σμέις cu15 ruill

tuinting.

think stand

play (an instrument) separate

cease walk slav swim stop sit

> give offer dra.w teach, instruct fling wind

lift search for, pursue forsaken, abandon understand

earn, deserve

alight, descend

VERBAL NOUN. oiteamaine

neic néi oceac ninnce МĖ HOINNE

óι

raoilrin rearam reinnm rzapamaint rsmor rzun riubat rláo rná**i**n 07571 ruite

3416 das TAINSMIN tappains E64241.2 ceilsean tochap rózáil cózaine coiniceace THÉIZEAN t uizrine, cuirzine **cuille**am tuilleamain Cuinting

Appendix VI.

A LIST OF VERBS BELONGING TO FIRST CONJUGATION.

bac, stop, hinder, meddle. bain, snatch, take. báit, drown. béic, bawl. bo5. soften.

bliż, milk. bjur, break. υμώις, bruise. buail, beat. buaro, give success.

[·] Drunk, meaning intoxicated, is not olta, but "an men ze."

caill, lose. caoin, lament. cait, waste, spend, eat or cast. cam, bend, make crooked. can, sing. caoċ, blind. car, twist, turn, wind, wry. ceap, think. ceao, allow, leave, permit. ceit, hide, conceal. cınn, resolve. cíon, comb. claoro, defeat. ctaon, bend, crook. corps, stop, hinder. cμαιτ, shake. choć, hang. cnero, believe, trust. cμιċ, tremble, quake. cμom, bend stoop,. cuom an, set about. cum, form, shape. cuin, put, send. cuin an bun, establish. cuin caoi ain, mend.

ολομ, condemn, blame.
υεληθ, ascertain, assure.
υεληθ, look, observe, remark.
υελημανο, forget.
υπς, press, stuff, push.
υίος, sell.
υόις, burn, consume.
υόιμε, spill, shed.
υμιτο, shut, move.
υπλη, plait, fold.
υπ, close

éirc, listen.

rain, watch, guard.
rain, say, wait, stop.
ran, stay, wait, stop.
rain, stay, wait, stop.
rain, stay, wait, stop.
reato, whistle.
reatt, deceive, cheat.
reann, flay, strip.
rean, pour out, shower.
reuc, behold, look.

ritt, return, come back. reudaim. I can. rtiuć, wet, moisten, drench. roitt, suit, fit. róin, help, relieve, succour. różtum, learn.

5άιη, shout, call.
5catl, promise.
5caηη, cut.
5citl, obey, submit.
5tac, take, reserve.
5tan, cleanse.
5tao'o, call.
5tuair, journey, travel, go.
5oro, steal
5ort, weep, lament.
5orn, wound.
5μαιρ, sign, mark.
5μαιρ, sign, mark.

1Δμμ, ask, seek, request, beseech. foc, pay, atone. 1t, eat

tap, light, kindle, blaze.
tean, throw down.
tean, follow, pursue.
téix, read.
téix, grant, suffer, permit.
téim, leap.
tinz, leap, bounce, start.
tíon, fill, surfeit, craim.
toipx, singe, scorch, burn.
túb, bend, crook.
tuix, lie.

maμ, last, exist, remain.
maμb, kill, murder.
mut, forgive.
maot, wet, steep.
meatt, deceive, defraud.
meap, estimate, think.
meat, fade, wither.
mutt, spoil, destroy.
mot, praise.
mun, teach, instruct.

neaρz, tie, join. nıż, wash.

oit, nurse, cherish.
oip, suit, fit.
ót, drink.

ptéarz, crack. póz, kiss. pott, pierce, penetrate. ppeab, spring, leap.

neic, sell.
neub, tear, burst.
nic, run, flee.
noinn, divide.
nuais, pursue, rout.

ráit, thrust, stab.
raoit, rít, reflect, think.
raoit, deliver.
rsaoit, loose, let go.
rsuit, cease, desist.
rear, stand.
réio, blow.

reot, teach, drive, sail.
reinn, play (music).
rsail, separate, divide.
rsilob, write.
rsilor, sweep, scrape, destroy.
rit, drop, let fall, sink.
rin, stretch, extend.
rméro, beckon, wink.
rtuis, swallow.
rnám, swim, float.
reao, stop.
reao e, desist.
ruró, sit.

ταιμς, offer.
ταὸτ, choke.
τεὶτ. flee.
τόξ, chose, select.
τός, take up, lift.
τριαδ, plough, till.
τριίτς, forsake, abandon.
τριτο, fight, quarrel.
τυιζ, understand.
τυιτι, earn, deserve.
τυιτ, fall.

Appendix VII.

LIST OF SYNCOPATED VERBS.

αζαιμ, entreat (avenge). αιτιπ, recognize.

bazain, threaten.

carsain, slaughter. ceansait, bind. cisit, tickle. coisit, spare. codait, sleep. copain, defend. cuimit, rub.

οίδιη, banish.

eicit, fly.

różain, serve.
rneazain, answer.
rneazain, attend, serve.
(r)opzail, open.
ruazain, proclaim.
rulainz, suffer.
rupzail, relieve.

innip, tell.
ingil, graze.
imip, play.
iomčaip, carry.
iodbaip, offer.

Labain, speak. comail, consume, eat. tomain, strip, bara tocail, root. conoil, gather. múrzait, awaken. το chair, wind. τυιη ling, descend.

ratzain, trample.

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ENDINGS	OF THE REGUL	AR VERBS I	N PRESENT-DAY
Broa	d Terminations.	Slender	Terminations.
In	nperativ e .	Im	perative.
SING.	PI.U.	SING.	PLU.
1. —	{-amaoir (-amuir).	1. —	f-imír (-eamuir). }-eam.
2. [root]	-A10	2. [root]	-1°Ó.
3. -4 0.	-aivir, -avaoir.	3ело.	-10íp.
Pres	ent Tense.	Pres	ent Tense.
1aim.	-amaoro, -amuro.	1ım.	-ımio (-ımıo).
2 2111.	-ձոո լոն,	2171.	-eann ri b.
8ann.	-A1U.	8eann.	-1'0,
Im	perfect.	Imp	erfect.
1ainn.	-amaoip (- am ui p).	1inn.	-ımir (-ımır).
2tá.	-ato pit.	2tea.	eao rio.
3ას.	-aidir (-adaoir).	3ело.	-roip.
P	ast.	P	ast.
1ar.	-amap.		-eamap.
2air.		2ır.	
3. [no endi	ng] -avap.	3. [no endi	ng] -eavap.
F	uture.	Fu	iture.
1pav.	-ramaoio (-ramui		-rım io (-rım ıv)
2 raiji.	-raio pib.	2բւրւ	- μιό μιδ.
3 FAITO.	-paio.	8pró.	-rio.
Con	ditional.	Cond	litional.
1painn	-ramsoir (-ramuij	r). 1pinn.	-rımir (-rımır).
2pá. 3pati	-ραό γιδ. -ραισίγ (-ρασαοιγ)	2reá. . 3rea ö .	-peat pi b. -proip.

Appendix IX.

EARLY MODERN FORMS OF THE VERBS.

1S.

We give only those forms which have not already been given in the body of the Grammar.

Dependent Present: -nab; (as in Junab, that it is, vanab, to which or whom it is; munab, if it is not).

Obsolete Dependent Present: -ao: (as in zonao, that it is, vanao, to which or whom it is). This form occurs frequently in early modern writers. A remnant of it is found in the word zoo or zoo, though it is.

Past: ra.

The form ra of the past though frequently found in early modern writers is now obsolete.

Dependent Past: -11 ba (sometimes written -11 bo), as in Jun ba, that it was; van ba, to whom or which it was; munan ba, if it was not; an ba, was it? nion ba, it was not.

The full form of the Dependent Past, though sometimes found in early modern writers is now contracted to -110 before vowels, and to -11 before consonants.

Subjunctive: Oámaro (vá mbaro), if it were; zémaro (zé mbaro), though it were.

СÁ.

Imperative.

1. — bímír, bíom.
2. bí. bírò, bírò.
3. bírò bírò.

Present Tense.

Absolute.		Dependent.		
1.	ΔΕΔ1Μ	ΔΤΆΜΛΟΙ Ό.	ruilim	բսւեւա ւ Ծ
2.	ΔΕΔΟ Ι	ΑΤΆΤΛΟΙ .	ruile (-เห)	բսւեշւ.
3.	ΔΕΔ	ΔΤΆΙΟ.	ruil	բսւեւ ս.

Habitual Present.

1.	bím	bimit
2.	δín	bíċí.
3.	bí(˙o˙)	bío.

Past Tense.

ABSOLUTE.		DEPENDENT.		
1.	δάσας	ხ ámap.	ከላ ዕ ላך	pabamap
2.	δάσαις	ხáნap.	ከላ ዕ ላነך	pababap.
3.	Κί	ხ á 0ap	≃ ላነ ዕ€	pab adap.

Future Tense.

1. biao biamaoio, biam,

2. biaip biaż soi.

8. biaio, bia biaro.

Relative : biar.

Conditional-Secondary Future.

béinn béimíp.
 béiteá biao ρίδ.

3. biao, beit béroir.

Subjunctive Mood. Present Tense.

1. pabao pabmaoio, pabam.

2. 11000111 1100001.

8. paibe pabaro.

ENDINGS OF THE REGULAR VERBS IN EARLY MODERN IRISH.

The following is a table showing the various endings of the regular verbs in Early Modern irish. It is not intended that these forms should be learned by the student; they are given merely for reference:—

Br	oad Termina	ations.	Sler	ıder Termi	nations.
	Imperative			Imperati	re.
	SING.	PLU.		SING.	PLU.
1.		am.	1.		-eam.
2.	[root] -	aió.	2.	[root]	-1 'Ö .
3.	-A·Ö• -	(a) oaoi r.	3.	-eao.	-(1) 0 (1)-
	Present To	ense.		Present 7	ľense.
1.	-aim.	-(a)maoio.	1.	-1m.	-(1)m ío.
2.	-4171.	-T401.	2.	-1 ₁₁ .	-cí.
8.		-410.	8.	-1 O.	-170.
	Imperfec	t	Imperfect.		
1.	-Ainn.	-amaoir.	1.	-ınn.	-(1)m ír.
2.	-tá.	-CA01.	2.	-τeá.	
3.	-4 0.	-(a)vao1p.	3.	-ea o .	-(1) 0íp.
	Past.			Pas	t.
1.	-Ap.	-amap.	1.	-ear.	-eamap.
		-aban.	2.	-1p.	
3.	(no ending)	-avap.	8.	(no ending)	eavan.

Future.			Future.		
1.	-pat.	-pam (2010)	1.	-pead.	-peam (pimío).
2.	-pat.	-pa01.	2.	-pip.	-pi.
3.	-pat.	-pa10.	3.	-pid.	-pio.
	Conditional.		Conditional.		
1.	-painn.	-pamaoip.	1.	-rınn.	-rımír.
2.	-pá.	-paoi.	2.	-reá.	-rí.
8.	-pa ö	-paoaoip.	3.	-rea ö .	-rıoír.

Irregular Yerbs.

It is principally in the future tense that the inflexions of the irregular verbs in Early Modern Usage differ from the forms now generally used.

Future Tense.

1.	(no termination)	Am (-mao10)
2.	ΔIμ	T401.
3.	Δ .	A170.

The following verbs took no inflexion in the 3rd person singular of the present time. The forms in brackets are the dependent forms:

Οο-θειμ (ταθαιμ), σειμ (αδαιμ), σο-ξειδ (ταξαιδ, ταξδαπη), σα ξηί, σο-δί (ταις), (cluin), τις, τέιο.

The following had no inflexion in the 1st person singular past tense:—

ADUBANT, (DUBANT), ATCONNAC (PACA) TÁNAZ, CUALA, NÁNAZ.

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